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## Levy gets mandate for Washington talks

**By JAY BUSHINSKY**

Armed with a mandate to negotiate the basis for final-status talks with the Palestinians, Foreign Minister David Levy is preparing to leave for Washington, where a crucial meeting with the Palestinian Authority deputy leader Mahmoud Abbas is to take place on Monday.

The session, to be chaired by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, is a direct outcome of her recent meetings here. But PA Chairman Yasser Arafat poured cold water on the US-

sponsored conclave.

"The meeting in Washington will be simply for the sake of meeting," he said. "No more, no less." As quoted by Reuters, Arafat told reporters in Ramallah, "it will be a waste of time."

Levy has cleared his schedule to make way for a final round of deliberations with his senior staff before leaving for the US either tonight or Saturday night.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his key cabinet colleagues spent seven hours yesterday working out the parameters of Levy's mission. The discussions with Albright and Abbas are

expected to span two or three days at least and focus on the next IDF pullback in the West Bank and "time out" in Israeli settlement activity, as proposed by Albright.

Immediately after the policy-making session, Levy was on the telephone with US peace envoy Dennis Ross informing him of the cabinet's decision and hearing him express his total satisfaction.

Without going into any of the particulars, Levy said he was pleased by the cabinet's decision to authorize him to negotiate with Abbas and regarded it as a basis to advance the peace process.

"Since the second pullback and time out in settlements are topics for the agenda, I am leaving with authority and prerogative," he said. "The government's stand is crystallized and accepted by all of its members. I definitely see it as the basis I wanted."

Levy went on to say that Israel is committed to the Oslo Accords, but also has demands of the other side. He said that he intends to strengthen understanding and confidence with the US and the Palestinians at the Washington talks.

One of his senior aides said Levy is "a

pragmatist" who wants to move the peace process forward. However, he stressed that there will be constant coordination between Levy and Netanyahu throughout the Washington talks.

A cabinet communiqué said Israel expects the other participants in the Washington talks "to make every effort to advance the process." Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat implied at a West Bank news conference that Palestinian participation is not assured. He said their attendance hinges on the Israeli negotiators arriving with a clear mandate, according to the

Associated Press.

"Negotiations for the sake of negotiations only help to protect Netanyahu and provide a shield for him not to implement the agreements," he reportedly said. "We will not let him get away with it." The Foreign Ministry aide contended that the notion that Levy might go to Washington without a clear-cut mandate was "nonsense." However, Arafat reportedly said he doubted Levy had a mandate from the Israeli government to meet Palestinian demands.

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## Clinton, Jiang agree to nuclear pact

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin agreed yesterday to a major nuclear pact aimed at halting the spread of weapons in the Persian Gulf region. The agreement fol-

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lowed a warm welcome for Jiang at the White House and a gentle reminder from Clinton on human rights.

Clinton will certify that China is not exporting nuclear technology to nations for weapons development, particularly Iran and Pakistan, a senior administration official said as the two leaders met.

They would allow a 1985 US-China Nuclear Cooperation Agreement to go into effect and the US nuclear industry to sell reactors and technology in China, a deal worth billions of dollars.

"We're satisfied that we have the assurances that we need to have that China is not engaging and will not engage in assistance to states developing nuclear weapons," the official said.

On a crisp autumn morning, Clinton opened his meeting with Jiang by saying all people must be



Chinese President Jiang Zemin and US President Bill Clinton stand at attention during the playing of national anthems at yesterday's White House welcoming ceremony.

"treated with dignity, free to express their beliefs." He also urged stronger US-China ties, declaring, "Let us strengthen the bonds between us."

Jiang subtly reminded Clinton about China's insistence that the US should not impinge on Beijing's sovereignty.

"I hope that the development of China-US relations will positively promote mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and common development of all countries in the world, different in history, culture, social system, and level of

development," Jiang said through an interpreter.

But he, too, sounded an upbeat note in English: "Let us, the Chinese and the Americans, join hands and together with people around the world work hard to bring about a new century of peace, stability, and prosperity."

Neither leader mentioned Tiananmen Square by name, the 1989 massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators by the Chinese military that sent the US-China relationship into a tailspin and caused a diplomatic estrangement.

Jiang's state visit is the first by a Chinese leader in 12 years.

Instead, Clinton couched deep differences on human rights, the environment, and national security in the diplomatic language of hope.

"Both our countries can best advance our interests and our values by working together rather than standing apart," he said, struggling with a hoarse voice.

"For together we can lay the groundwork for a better, safer world where peace prevails, prosperity grows ... where people are

treated with dignity, free to express their beliefs and observe their faiths."

As Jiang made his way to the red carpet on the South Lawn, human rights protesters, kept far away by a fence, raised their voices, but were drowned out by ceremonies that included a 21-gun salute, full military color guard, and band playing both nations' anthems. Demonstrators objected to China's human rights record, jailing of dissenters, and religious persecution in Tibet and elsewhere.

## Budget passes 1st reading

**By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN**

The Knesset late last night passed the first reading of the NIS 207.4 billion 1998 budget by a vote of 48-44. In his speech to the plenum, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman said that he is open to adjusting the budget prior to its second and third readings.

"The framework of the budget will remain, [but] the Treasury and I will be open to hearing alternatives," he said.

After all-day marathon meetings, Neeman kept his word to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu that he would succeed in convincing the coalition parties to vote for the budget without having to make any substantive compromises.

The difficulty in this was made clear in a telephone conversation between the two quoted by Channel 1. Neeman asked Netanyahu: "Bibi, stand behind me. With you behind me, they'll show up for the vote. They're crazy. You've given them so much, Bibi, believe me. They'll give in. They'll give in, if we remain firm... If you give to one, they'll all want. United Torah Judaism wants NIS 200 million... Don't give in to them... Let me handle it."

Until late last night, the National Religious Party and Yisrael Ba'alya remained firm in their decision to vote against the budget. However, Neeman convinced them to vote for it in exchange for his discussing their concerns prior to the second and third readings in November and December.

"We were convinced that they understood our demands and that they are ready to fix the problems for the second and third readings," said MK Roman Brodfman (Yisrael Ba'alya). Brodfman said that his party had received a promise from Neeman that its requests for increased mortgage benefits and housing subsidies for

new immigrants will be discussed prior to the second reading.

Throughout the day, the NRP said it was not content with the compromises Neeman offered. However, toward midnight, it decided to support the budget, saying it had secured a commitment to renegotiate the religious, social, and education budgets.

The NRP plans to ask for increased child allowances, increased mortgage packages for Judea and Samaria, and more funding for heder yeshivot.

While the opposition accused him of last-minute deal-making, Neeman insisted that he did not make any promises. "There is no prearranged agreement, not one that I made and not one that was made behind my back," Neeman said.

Earlier in the day, United Torah Judaism, Shas, and two of the five Geshet MKs, who had previously opposed the budget, declared their support. Shas's Yitzhak Cohen said that his party received a promise from Neeman to renegotiate child benefits, a longer school day, and more money for the weaker segments of society.

Geshet's Michael Kleiner and David Magen voted for the budget, while Maxim Levy and Yehuda Lankri voted against. Foreign Minister David Levy was not in attendance, since any minister who votes against the budget must resign.

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai (Shas), who had taken a hard-line stance against the budget, is on vacation in the US.

The budget includes NIS 2.3b. in cuts, including NIS 400m. from the defense package and NIS 250m. from education.

Thirty-two percent of the budget is designated for repaying loans, 28.5% to transfer payments and social benefits, 17.6% to defense, 15.2% to civil expenses, and 6.4% for investments and credit.

## Katsav apologizes to Kafr Kasim - 41 years later

**By HERB KEINON**

Forty-one years after border policemen killed 49 Kafr Kasim villagers in a massacre that has long strained relations between Israeli Arabs and Jews, Tourism Minister Moshe Katsav went to the village yesterday with an apology.

"I came here to identify with the victims, show them honor, say the victims were innocent, express our sorrow, and say that the victims deserve our apology," Katsav said in a hall decorated with black flags and harrowing paintings portraying the massacre.

Minutes after uttering these words - words that have eluded official government representatives for four decades - Katsav left the packed hall and was met by boos, catcalls, and the chant: "Butchers go home." (The word "katsav" means butcher.)

Abdullah Nimr Darwish, the head of the Islamic Movement and a resident of Kafr Kasim, praised Katsav for coming, but said his apology did not go far enough. "This expression of sorrow was not so strong, but it is the first step," he said. "We waited for it for 41 years. The first step has come, now we are hoping for others."

On October 29, 1956, the day the Sinai Campaign began, the IDF clamped a curfew on a number of Arab villages along what was then the Jordanian border. Late that afternoon, dozens of Kafr Kasim villagers returned home from working in the fields, apparently unaware of the curfew. They were shot and killed. Two officers and six soldiers responsible were tried and given stiff prison sentences, which were commuted three years later.

Darwish said that every year Kafr Kasim holds a memorial service on the anniversary of the massacre, and each year invites a government representative. This is the first time anyone agreed to come.

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## Report: Tensions with Beduin near danger level

**By STEVE RODAN**

Relations between the authorities and the country's 150,000 Beduin, impacted by Islam and Palestinian nationalism, represent "a time bomb" that could result in a violent confrontation that would sweep across the Negev, a report by one of the security services says.

The report predicts irredentism as well as the adoption of terrorism by the rapidly growing Beduin community. Earlier in the week, Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan was criticized by the Beduin community for making similar comments.

"The processes of Palestinian nationalism, Islamization among the Beduin, and the continuation of the current ties with the State of Israel means unavoidable clashes in the future between the police and the Beduin community, which is becoming increasingly involved in criminality and terrorism that feed on each other," the report states.

It warns the trend of a rapidly growing hostile Beduin community is dangerous for Israel, because many live along the 1967 borders just minutes away from their Palestinian relatives.

Several leading tribes serve as models for the community's hos-

tility toward the state, the report says, encouraging illegal construction and violent confrontations with the authorities when they try to prevent it.

At the same time, unemployment among the Beduin is leading more of them toward crime, some of which is directed against the state for nationalistic reasons, the report says.

"There is a creeping erosion of the image of the authorities in the eyes of the Beduin population," the report states. "This process has caused self-confidence, a tendency to disregard authority and to move toward radicalism."

The report notes the Beduin are quickly shedding their traditional tribal structure, which ensured them economic protection, and are becoming urbanized, with the result being a clash between the modern and the traditional elements of the community. Tribal elders are losing their authority, while young Beduin are no longer interested in serving the community.

Instead, many are adopting Islam and Palestinian nationalism. "Alignment with the Palestinian nation or a return to original Islamic roots are available anchors for the hovering Beduin, who severs himself from traditional and

absolute loyalty to his tribe, clan, and family," the report says.

As ties between Beduin in the Negev and those in the Galilee and Triangle increase, so the Beduin are also becoming closer to other Arabs in Israel. This is particularly true of the Islamic movement, which is capitalizing on the poverty of the Beduin, whose unemployment rate is estimated at 20%.

"These elements are fishing in troubled waters and are pushing the Beduin population on a path of confrontation with the authorities," the report says.

In addition, the Beduin are becoming closer to Arabs in the areas under Palestinian Authority control. Many Beduin in the northern Negev live within minutes of Palestinians in Hebron. At the same time, many Beduin men are marrying Palestinian women, thereby strengthening ties and loyalties to Palestinians.

The report says the Beduin population is increasing by 4.6 percent annually, with some 60 percent under 14. The increase is creating serious housing problems.

The report recommends the authorities settle nomadic Beduin in permanent housing and work to reduce the influence of Palestinians on the community.



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# New matriculation exam system instituted: More tests, less material

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

There was good news and bad news yesterday for high-school pupils regarding this year's matriculation examinations.

The bad news: they once again will have to be tested in all seven required subjects - Hebrew language, English, math, Bible, civics, history and literature.

The good news: they will be tested on only four-sevenths of the material they have studied in each subject, and they will be informed which four-sevenths around Pessah, in time to prepare for the exams.

The four-sevenths fraction was decided upon in negotiations between the pupils' representatives and Education Ministry officials. It reflects an apparent effort to somewhat mirror the system that existed for the past two years.

when a lottery was conducted to determine on which four of the seven required subjects the pupils would be tested.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer moved to do away with the lottery system last spring, but met with strong opposition from the pupils and eventually reneged, announcing that a committee would be formed to determine a new system for this school year.

The new system is intended to reduce the pressure on pupils in preparing for the exams, while at the same time meeting university heads' demands that the pupils be tested in all the seven subjects.

It will also do justice to twelfth graders, some of whom already may have taken matriculation exams in some of the subjects in tenth or eleventh grades and been tested on all the material, under the old system. To be fair to them,

they will get a break on some of the non-required matriculation exams they decide to take this year, in which they also will be tested on only 4/7 of the material covered in class.

At a press conference announcing the new system yesterday, both Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and National Student and Youth Council head Oded Cohen praised the new arrangement.

"I said when I took office that I was not pleased with the lottery system for the matriculation exam. I didn't like all the excitement and joy about how we were making things easier for the pupils, or the whole atmosphere around the lottery," Hammer said.

"Also, as regards Jewish pupils, I thought that a person graduating an Israeli high school should be able to say that he studied Bible, and not have this be a matter of

chance."

Hammer said those involved looked for the solution that was the most sound pedagogically, that the universities would accept, and that would not leave the pupils feeling they were left out, or that a greater burden was being placed upon them.

"I said all along: I don't want a lottery, but we will not make things more difficult," he said.

Hammer praised Cohen and the other pupil representatives who participated in the discussions on the exam for displaying commendable maturity and seriousness.

Cohen said that the council had dealt with "one of the most difficult decisions it has ever faced."

"We knew we had to make a change this year regarding the temporary solution of the lottery," he said. "From the various solu-

tions proposed, I think the best possible one was chosen."

Twelfth-grader Adina Dershowitz, of Jerusalem, said the new arrangement sounded "excellent" to her, and "will definitely make things easier for me."

"I guess it's a good idea," Kelly Breakstone, also a high-school senior from the capital, said. "It's really a lot of material to study and most of the kids gamble and don't study everything anyway. I think it was stupid with the lottery. Four-sevenths? It sounds pretty good."

However, the Secondary Schools Teachers Association wasn't as happy about the new arrangement.

The association protested that it had not been included in the decision-making, and that this represented a slap in the face to those involved in the actual job of teaching.

## Israel-Slovenia military ties 'bear fruit'

By STEVE RODAN

Slovenian Defense Minister Tit Turnsek, on a four-day visit here, said Tuesday that his country and Israel are cooperating on numerous defense projects in a growing security relationship that began in 1993.

"We have a long cooperation and now we see the first results," Turnsek said. "The results are very positive. The first deliveries are effective [and include] what has been agreed between 1993 and 1995 and 1996."

Turnsek, an engineer who was appointed defense minister in February, said the defense cooperation began more than four years ago when Jerusalem sold the former Yugoslav republic weapons. Today, he said, Israel is helping the Slovenians modernize their army. This includes tactical communications, artillery, and munitions.

Turnsek said Israel is modernizing Slovenia's T-55 tanks and is planning to upgrade other models of Soviet tanks. Turnsek refused to give a figure on the extent of Israeli sales to Slovenia.

Turnsek met Tuesday with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and participated in a panel headed by Defense Ministry Director-General Ilan Biran. He will be visiting several defense companies, including Israel Aircraft Industries, Elbit Systems Ltd., and Tadiran. He is being accompanied by senior officers and defense officials.

Turnsek said Israel and Slovenia are planning to jointly produce and market systems. This includes the upgrade of former Soviet tanks and howitzers. "We have started a good cooperation and now we should continue this effort," he said.

Some of the Israeli contractors have been chosen, Turnsek said, while others are still being evaluated. He would not elaborate.

Turnsek said he is pleased with the Israeli performance. "These are complicated systems and the question is how well we manage to solve these difficulties and problems," he said. "But it is important to realize that we have managed very successfully. I have to stress that we are very satisfied with the support and attitude of the Israeli companies and parties to manage these mutual issues."

Turnsek said Slovenia continues to fight arms, drug smuggling, and terrorism coming from eastern Europe.



Last-minute advice

Sergei Kaufman, who was involved in the rebellion at Military Prison No. 6 in August, consults with his lawyer yesterday as the High Court of Justice heard petitions, presented on behalf of Kaufman and 17 others, demanding the government uphold the agreement made with the prisoners.

(Itzik Harari)

## IDF cuts food poisoning, diarrhea in half

By JUDY SIEGEL

The rates of food poisoning and diarrhea outbreaks in the Israel Defense Forces has dropped by nearly half during the past few years, with salmonella bacteria largely replacing the more fierce shigella, according to a new study by the IDF Medical Corps and Tel Aviv University's Sackler Medical School.

The nine-page study, by Drs. Itamar Grotto, Yossi Mandel, Yitzhak Ashkenazi, and Yehoshua Shemer, was published in the latest issue of *Harefuah*, the journal of the Israel Medical Association.

It shows that while the trend of acute infectious diseases of the gastrointestinal tract shows a clear decline, the number of cases still

remains high, affecting 36.3 soldiers per 100,000 on active duty, compared to 68.3 at the end of the 1980s.

In the US alone, over 12 million cases of food poisoning and acute gastrointestinal infections are reported each year, and they kill some 7,000 victims - mostly young children, the elderly, and the chronically ill.

The cost of treating patients and lost workdays totals \$8 billion annually.

Some serious outbreaks were reported among American forces during the Gulf War in Saudi Arabia seven years ago.

In most parts of the world, military forces are most susceptible to such infections because of inadequate sanitary conditions of food

preparation and hygiene, especially in the field. Diarrhea can disrupt the functioning of flight crews, training exercises, navy operations, and other military activities.

The fact that central kitchens prepare food for hundreds or even thousands of soldiers, and that infected soldiers often move from one unit to another, increases the risk in the military.

The authors record 343 outbreaks reported to the Health Ministry between 1986 and 1995 in which over 13,000 people were affected.

Despite major efforts to combat the condition, as many as a fifth of IDF soldiers suffer from food poisoning or acute gastrointestinal infections each year - some in iso-

lated incidents and some as part of outbreaks.

Most of the incidents occur during the summer, due to the effect of heat on food.

The authors note that outbreaks are most likely in field units with new recruits who have not yet developed natural immunity to the bacteria.

But significant improvements in sanitation and food preparation and storage in field units during the past three years have reduced the number and seriousness of outbreaks.

The authors state that even stricter educational measures and appointing special preventive teams can cut it even more, as will better isolation techniques and the development of vaccines.

## HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

By ORLY AHARONI

The worldwide turmoil in the stock markets was the focus of media commentary this week.

"Who saved the New York stock exchange yesterday?" writes *Yediot Aharanot's* Sever Plotzker, "the small American investor who did not surrender to collective panic and remained composed and is a subject of envy."

He adds that the investors did not sell, bringing the sharp plunges to a halt.

However, due to the persisting panic worldwide, instability remains, "especially in Israel where [people] are much more nervous by nature."

David Lipkin in *Ma'ariv* asserts that the markets in Europe will be able to recover in a relatively short time because "they are known for their maneuverability and are largely affected by Wall Street." However, it will take time for the markets in Asia to heal.

"If the crisis does not end soon, there will be massive withdrawals by foreign investors from Israel," writes *Yediot's* Udi Nachshon, adding that this will be followed by a sharp devaluation of the shekel.

Moshe Perl in *Ma'ariv* states that eventually the markets will stabilize, but the "when" depends on the small investors, because "only their behavior in the coming days will dictate the extent of the trauma."

"The pleasures of economic freedom sometimes command a price," writes *Yediot's* Gidon Eshet, adding that the side-effects are high interest rates and unemployment in Israel.

### Russian visit

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's visit to Israel once again raised two unresolved issues: Russian-Iranian cooperation and missing IAF navigator Ron Arad.

Ron Ben-Yishai in *Yediot Aharanot* states that Primakov's claim that Ron Arad is dead is inadmissible in Israel, as there is no concrete proof to support the claim.

In addition, Ben-Yishai writes that Russia has economic interests in Iran and the latter is probably using Russia as a messenger: "The

pressure on the Iranians should not subside; they probably have good reasons to want to drop the affair from the international agenda," he says, adding that in the future, the Iranians will probably want to position the issue "at the center of a bargain that is significant to them."

"The quarrel between Israel and Russia over the transfer of ballistic missile technology to Iran should be judged as part of the Russian strategy for greater involvement in the Middle East," writes *Ha'aretz's* David Makovsky.

He adds that despite Russia's agenda, Israel is not closing its door, as the Netanyahu government believes in economic cooperation between Israel and Russia.

### Letter from Rafal

Minister of Agriculture Rafael Eitan's letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, warning against Beidun control over lands, will backfire, writes Yaron London in *Yediot*, claiming that the letter "will accelerate the

Palestinization and Hamasization of the Beidun."

He adds that there are no simple solutions but there is a need to treat Beidun "like other citizens, not as a security problem."

*Ha'aretz* editorializes that Eitan's proposals "lack insight and suffer from political foolishness."

### Dialogue of the deaf

The 14th Knesset, which reconvened on Tuesday is a preordained failure, writes Gideon Samet in *Ha'aretz*, claiming that "[the MKs] know that the Knesset is castrated due to the current election system which is responsible for the immunization of the prime minister and his coalition."

"Whoever listened to the speeches of both sides in the Knesset, did not become any wiser," writes *Ma'ariv's* Yosef Lapid.

He claims that Netanyahu used the same old slogans and Labor leader Ehud Barak had nothing to offer but ornate language and warnings.

## NEWS in brief

### MKS: Classroom hours must be restored

The Knesset Education Committee is to meet again next week to determine whether the 70,000 classroom hours cut last year have been restored, as was agreed upon in the agreement signed on August 31 that permitted the opening of the school year.

At a committee meeting yesterday, Hestadrut Teachers Union head Avraham Ben-Shabbat said 30,000 of the 70,000 hours were still missing, and committee chairman Emanuel Zissmann said a spot check showed only 25% of the hours had been restored. Ministry Director-General Benzion Dell insisted all the hours had been returned. The committee also stated its opposition to planned cuts in the education budget. *Aryeh Dean Cohen*

### Pollard asks to be recognized as Israeli agent

Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard yesterday asked the High Court of Justice to force the government to take responsibility for his actions and recognize him as an agent. During the closed-door hearing, a three-justice panel ordered the government to grant Pollard's wife, Esther, meetings with senior security officials during the next two months, and then return for another hearing. The state had asked for a six-month delay.

Mrs. Pollard said she was pleased with the court's willingness to consider her petition. "The government seems to be beginning to realize that it's got to deal with this," she told reporters. Pollard's lawyer, Larry Dub, said an acknowledgement that Pollard was an agent could pave the way for his release. Pollard has served 13 years of a life term in a US jail. *AP*

### Supreme Court upholds Rosenstein remand

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected Ze'ev Rosenstein's appeal against Tel Aviv District Court's decision that he be remanded until Friday. He is being held in connection with the murders of Ilan Aslan and Ya'acov Kahalon and a murder attempt on Manny Aslan. *Itim*

### Police seeking body snatcher

Haifa police are looking for Haim Nanikashvili, 23, of Kiryat Ata, who is suspected of stealing a corpse from the morgue at Rambam Hospital. Haifa Magistrate's Court yesterday issued an arrest warrant for Nanikashvili, who allegedly took the body of Eitan Michaeli, who was stabbed to death in a commercial dispute in Kiryat Motzkin on October 15, from the morgue and brought it to Michaeli's parent's home, where relatives prevented police from reclaiming it for an autopsy. Nanikashvili has ignored several police requests that he appear for questioning. *Itim*

### Lubotzky: Shas itself petitions High Court

Following the statements by Shas mentor Ovadia Yosef that the religious public should boycott the secular legal system, MK Alex Lubotzky (Third Way) yesterday noted that Shas itself has filed eight petitions to the High Court in recent years, including some on religious-related issues. "Apparently, [either] Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's words do not bind the Shas faction or the courts are kosher when Shas is hurt and treif when the situation is the other way round," Lubotzky said. *Liat Collins*

### Hebrew University launches \$600m. campaign

The Hebrew University has launched a \$600 million fundraising campaign with the opening of the academic year, aimed at providing new dormitories and social services for pupils, improving computer and communications equipment, and funding new academic centers and research activities.

The university is beginning its first full academic year with Prof. Menachem Magidor as president and Prof. Menahem Ben-Sasson as rector.

Among the new programs being offered this year are a master's program in environmental science, a master's in human genetics and a master's in agriculture being taught in English. In addition, the Rothberg School for Overseas Students will be offering students in the One Year Program a specialization in business administration and economics. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

### Scribes no longer threatened by lead poisoning

Ritual scribes (*sofirim*) no longer suffer from the occupational hazard of lead poisoning. Jerusalem researchers have found that the scribes' switch to prepared, non-leaded inks instead of preparing them by themselves has spared them from lead-poisoning symptoms. Dr. Yoram Finkelstein, a senior neurotoxicologist at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, and Dr. Yona Amitai, a toxicologist in the pediatrics department of Hadassah-University Hospital on Mt. Scopus, recently examined 46 scribes from the Jerusalem area who have worked for a year to 20 years.

None of the scribes had high lead levels. The results were presented at a recent toxicology conference in Haifa and reported in *Shaare Zedek's Shaar Patuah* bulletin. *Judy Siegel*

### Dangerous heart procedure performed on baby

Prof. Bernardo Vidne, of the Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva, performed a Ross procedure - the replacement of a diseased aortic heart valve with the patient's own pulmonary valve - on an 18-month-old. The operation had never been done here on such a young patient. The baby boy will be discharged in a few days. The procedure was developed in the 1980s by a British physician named Ross, but since it is dangerous, it has been applied, with care, only in the last few years, mostly on adults. *Judy Siegel*

## IMA to strike public hospitals today

By JUDY SIEGEL

Thousands of non-emergency operations will be cancelled today in the country's public hospitals - except Laniado in Netanya - due to another strike by members of the Israel Medical Association. On Tuesday, the hospitals were on emergency schedule for 24 hours.

The sanctions have been called by the IMA to protest the Treasury's refusal to implement an agreement adding 1,200 extra hospital beds in pediatric, internal medicine, and surgical wards and 360 more doctors' slots during the next few years. The Finance Ministry, which signed the agree-

ment in March, now says it wants the hospitals to absorb the costs of expansion instead of the money coming from the Treasury.

"Since we have seen that the government has no serious intention of worrying about patients, the IMA is doing all it can to ensure that the hospitalized will get the best possible treatment," declared IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Bischar. "We are unwilling to live with a situation in which patients will lie in the corridors and not get the care they need."

"We have renewed the 'safe and proper medicine' campaign in which patients will be discharged only after their doctor is certain

they have recovered, and not according to patient occupancy in the wards. If the internal medicine departments fill up, the Health Ministry will have to find solutions. We will treat those who reach the emergency rooms and send them home only if our conscience allows it."

Meanwhile, Health Minister Yehoshua Matza sent Finance Minister Yankov Neeman a letter demanding the Treasury finance the NIS 1.3 billion deficit in the health system, as required by the National Health Insurance Law. Efficiency measures by the health funds and the payment of service fees will not cover the gap, he said.

## MKS to discuss political activity in PM's Office

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset State Control Committee will be convened to discuss reports of political activity in the Prime Minister's Office, committee chairman Yossi Katz (Labor) said yesterday.

The meeting will include Prime Minister's Office director-general

Avigdor Lieberman; Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein and Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander, Katz said.

He said the discussion was necessary in view of reports that Lieberman is involved in the moves to change the internal Likud electoral system and a news item that a Likud activist, Danny

Greenberg, participated in a meeting at the Defense Ministry in the guise of a member of the Prime Minister's Office.

"There is reason to fear the dangerous mix of political activities and government work," Katz said. "The Prime Minister's Office cannot be turned into the general headquarters of the ruling party."

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### Tensions high after killing Bosnian Cr

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### German defense minister Neo-Nazi in army scandals

**BONN** - German defense minister Volker Ruoff has been accused of being a Neo-Nazi. The accusation comes after he was found to have made a video recording of a meeting with Jewish leaders. The tape was made in the same building where a similar video was made in July. Ruoff told parliament that he had committed no crime. The accusation comes after he was found to have made a video recording of a meeting with Jewish leaders. The tape was made in the same building where a similar video was made in July.



Off to Swaziland

Britain's Prince of Wales at London's Heathrow Airport on Tuesday with his younger son, Prince Harry, before departing on an official visit to Swaziland, Lesotho and South Africa. Prince Harry, 13, will attend two public engagements with his father, a Spice Girls charity concert and a visit to the Kwazulu village of Duku Duku.

# Astronaut and cosmonaut

By TOM ROSE

With his custom-fitted seat liner built to cushion the blow of a Russian "hard landing" installed in the Soyuz capsule docked to the Mir space station, Dr. David A. Wolf is finally a member of the Mir 24 crew and a cosmonaut.

As both an astronaut and a cosmonaut, David Wolf is now the newest member of the most exclusive fraternity of space travelers. That an American Jew from Indianapolis has been called upon to help repair this aged Russian space station must pain the antisemitic remnants of the Soviet monolith that built and launched the space craft as much as it thrills and inspires those of us who have known and (idolized) David Wolf since childhood.

Say what you will about the Russians, but months of media hysteria notwithstanding, they have managed to build and maintain what is by far the safest and most reliable vehicle ever built for human travel. During its eleven years on orbit, space station Mir has traveled a staggering 1.6 billion miles at an average speed of 17,500 mph without ever injuring a single passenger or even coming in for a tune up Try that on your family sedan!

The world is now rapidly learning what those of us who grew up with David Wolf have known for a long time: that the extraordinary man our nation just delivered to further Russian-US coop-

**He epitomizes the attributes we all seem to agree are in short supply: hard work, discipline, courage, commitment, humility and, most of all, perseverance.**

eration and conduct important medical and scientific research during a scheduled four-month, 64-million mile journey is a true American hero. He epitomizes the attributes we all seem to agree are in short supply: hard work, discipline, courage, commitment, humility and, most of

all, perseverance. David Wolf's determination to comprehend and ultimately transcend the once immutable laws of gravity started some three decades ago on Oakwood Drive, a quiet Indianapolis street peopled by middle-class, middle-American Jews. It was there that America's newest space hero conducted some of his earliest experiments, which included examining the results of picking up Yours Truly by the ankles and dropping him face first into the neighboring Levinsons' evergreen bushes. While I didn't start out as a fully cooperative subject in David Wolf's mastery of Newtonian principles, the cuts had barely started to heal before I began to fully appreciate the degree to which I was helping David advance the human condition. The more David Wolf accomplished and the closer he came to fulfilling his lifelong dream of living and working in space, my adulation - once considered bizarre - found its heavenly vindication.

I was about three when, from deep inside the Levinsons' evergreen bushes, I first looked up in amazement at David Wolf. While I have been looking up to David ever since, I now have a world of company. We are all looking up to David Wolf: 241 miles up. In fact, with clear skies, David Wolf's orbiting home can be seen most mornings in the minutes just before 6 a.m. as a small but clear white light streaking across Chicago's southeastern sky.

As the younger (and therefore insignificant) brother of a childhood friend, my connection to David Wolf was limited to legend and lore. While David Wolf achieved near mythic status to us kids, his specter posed a troublesome dilemma for our folks. On the one hand, parents could only pray that their children would study as hard and achieve as much as David Wolf (being Reform, mine obviously didn't pray hard enough); while on the other hand, they were hardly anxious to encourage us to be too much like David Wolf. After all, the real miracle is not that David Wolf survived a childhood of jumping out of windows, building bombs, crashing motorcycles, and flying stunt planes, but that his mother made it out alive.

As for my family, I am proud to say that the not-so-subtle avocation of David Wolf Idol worship has successfully been passed to a new generation. It was all I could do to keep my three-year-old son, who has been programmed to live and breathe David Wolf since birth, from literally leaping off my shoulders as we jumped in jubilation as the four and a half million pound rocket that catapulted our beloved friend into orbit produced the greatest show on earth. Not only did the night launch transform Florida darkness into daylight, but the space shuttle Atlantis reached for the heavens with a speed and a brilliance I am still trying to digest. One minute after liftoff, Atlantis was racing upward at 1,500 mph and was already 50 miles down range. Five and a half minutes later, Atlantis, traveling 15,000 mph and a hundred miles high, was now half way to Europe, viewing its first sunrise and yet was still clearly visible from Florida. In the time it took us to round up the kids and drive back to the hotel, David and his crewmates had already logged nearly 30,000 miles.

If and when he is successful in establishing a reliable communication link from MIR after Atlantis heads back to earth, David Wolf has promised to send me regular reports about daily life aboard his wondrous new home and has encouraged me to share his letters with you. Until then, I can only wish my dear friend a Jewish New Year filled with safety, good health, productive science and of course, soft landings.

The writer, a Hollinger International executive, lives in Chicago.

## Our men in space

By DAVID WOLF

Dear Tom and Doug, Since there is so much to tell you about life up here on Mir, I am uncertain about even where to begin. To tell you the truth, I don't know how anyone could adequately reduce an experience like this to words in any language. I guess I should just try to convey something about this sense-saturating experience in workable and intelligible snippets. I will start with the mundane and hope that the sublime follows. After all, I am just a scientist.

On the work front, we opened up the laboratory where I will be managing the heavy retinue of science we have planned for this mission, and I am delighted to report that things are going incredibly well. In fact, far better than any of us had expected, which is saying quite a bit considering that we all began this project with high expectations. We have already made some rather startling discoveries about what happens to cancer cells when cultivated in the three-dimensional tissue cultures we are able to produce up here in zero gravity, but I will report more about that later.

We just received our first resupply from an unmanned Russian Progress ship. It was quite something to see the robot ship emerge in and out of the darkness as it slowly moved in for rendezvous and docking. (Remember that up here, sunrises and sunsets occur every few minutes.)

Our commander, Anatoly Soloyev, was working from a tele-operated docking station that produced the view as seen from the pilotless cargo vessel. Its computer corrected for errors in the cross hairs on the docking target, making it act as though it were almost human. Anatoly's hands were lightly poised on the remote control sticks, ready to manually assume control at the first sign that the computer onboard Progress was making bad decisions. Anatoly and Pavel Vinogradov, my other Russian crewmate, were both continually checking the speeds and positions of each spacecraft from the console onboard Mir.

I couldn't help but be struck by the image of confidence bred by decades of experience and training that these two giants of the Russian space program demonstrated as they guided our two ships together. Think. The ships mated pretty firmly - which is perfectly normal. There were no pressure sensations in my ears. Once the docking mechanisms were properly engaged, the silence of the finely tuned nerves up here was broken by laughter and hearty handshakes. Supplies had arrived!

As we opened up the Progress, we discovered that each of us had been sent a bag of gifts. To whoever was responsible, thanks! The Russians say it is like an early Christmas. Lots of candy, and fresh food for dinner, which turned into a night on which I will never forget. Although I haven't been gone long, I know I will be, so the stuff really means a lot. Not only did we share good food, our favorite Russian music, and great friendships, but we did it while watching the world go by. Now try that down there.

By the way, crazy rumors even manage to reach us up here. Is it true that Purdue is 5-1? More later. Keep your wings rolling.

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An electric stock indicator flashes the big loss on the Tokyo stock market on Tuesday. The sign reads: Today's average -725.

global markets," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey Lanston & Co. in New York...

many experts said this week that the drop in the stock market from its once lofty heights was likely to lead to a slowdown in economic growth...

The herd factor

By TERENCE MONANEY

LOS ANGELES - In the classical view, the stock market is like a vast computer that works according to inviolable economic laws...

continuing disagreement between one branch of economics, which treats people as rational decision-makers...

James Gottfried, a Los Angeles psychologist who is a consultant for Mastercard on consumer behavior, speculates that the herd behavior that often drives buying and selling frenzies is simply human nature...

The coupling of Monday's 554-point drop and Tuesday's 337-point rise in the Dow Jones "is an extreme example of the fact that Wall Street decision-making is based on emotional, not rational, analysis," said Maurice Eivlekov...

White House officials said Clinton referred to the market Tuesday only because he had been scheduled to speak in public...

It is only one of the oddities of "investment psychology" that professional money managers, with their high-flying financial credentials and reams of computer data at their fingertips...

Edward Charlesworth, a Houston psychologist and author of the 1994 book "Mind Over Money," suggested that the globalization of the financial markets might make investors more anxious...

Neil Weinstein, a Rutgers University psychologist specializing in decision-making theory, said that psychologists are making inroads into the "dismal science" of economics...

But in evaluating investment behavior, researchers do have a mostly objective standard: the performance of a particular stock, stock index, or market as a whole...

A number of well-publicized studies have shown just that. A study by University of California, Davis finance professor Terrence Odean found that investors working with discount brokers...

He attributes the wild trading to "herd behavior" largely on the part of fund managers, who on Monday reacted en masse to a crisis in Far East markets by selling, and then on Tuesday lapped up the now-discounted spoils.

Beyond herding, social scientists have documented or postulated other ways in which decidedly non-economic emotions sway decisions to buy or sell stocks...

No less an authority than the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, acknowledged that there was more to market valuations than coldly assessed bottom lines when he said earlier this year that the stock market was subject to "irrational exuberance."

Perhaps the ultimate evidence that the markets are influenced by emotions and irrational ideas is the fact that you never know what is going to happen tomorrow, psychologists say.

(Los Angeles Times)

Retirees must accept risks

By STAN JENSEN

WASHINGTON... The good news is that many people have been able to make their money work for them...

include stocks in their portfolios. Despite the wild swings of the past few days, they still have had a pretty good return this year, and if they've been investing in stocks for several years, their gains will have been substantial.

John MacIntyre, a financial planner at Armstrong, Welch & MacIntyre, says the way retirees divide up their investments should depend on a number of factors, including their need for current income, their life expectancy and their comfort level with taking risks.

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# A culinary celebrity

# Hidden talent

APPETITE FOR LIFE: The Biography of Julia Child by Noel Riley Fitch. New York, Doubleday, 569pp. \$25.95.

By Erica Marcus



Julia Child: Changed the course of American eating and cooking. (Paul Child)

Julia Child didn't publish the first volume of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* until she was 49 years old. The first 48 years of her life gave little indication that she would change the course of American eating and cooking. This presents a problem for Child's biographer, because the story doesn't really pick up steam until around page 200 of this 569-page book. It's slow going as we follow Julia's footsteps to the wealthy new community of Pasadena, Calif., as we see her grow up privileged, spirited and — as Fitch never tires of telling us — all! Julia goes to Wellesley, returns to California, then in 1942 goes to Washington for a job with the OSS — the Office of Strategic Services, the World War II spy agency — that takes her overseas.

When the OSS posts her to India and then to China, things start to get interesting. Even though Fitch has been repeatedly telling us what a singular character Julia is, this is the first time she's actually doing something singular. At 32, she begins to eat seriously, and she meets Paul Child, a sophisticated polymath also stationed in Asia. It takes Paul a while to return our heroine's romantic sentiments: The glib, gangly and garrulous Julia doesn't conform to his idea of marriage material. Of course, he is won over, and the story of their devoted relationship, along with Julia's relationship to American eating habits, forms the backbone of the story.

After the war, Paul's job as a cultural officer with the State Department takes the newly married couple to Paris, where Julia meets her destiny. To please Paul, she decides to learn to cook. She's not a natural, but she perseveres and soon discovers that her true metier is not cooking per se, but teaching others to cook. After getting her diploma from the Cordon Bleu in 1952, she founds, along with two Frenchwomen, Simca Beck and Louise Bertolle, a small cooking school, L'Ecole des Trois Gourmandes, which is geared toward teaching French techniques to visiting American housewives. Eventually the three women decide to collaborate on a cookbook with the same theme.

It's a testament to how minor this venture seemed in 1954 that Houghton Mifflin, the original publisher, paid the three women an advance against royalties of \$750.

Although it began as a modest project, the book swelled in pages and ambition to, emerge seven years later as *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, published by Alfred A. Knopf. (Houghton Mifflin, upon seeing the mammoth final manuscript, had decided to pass.) If you consider the explosion of interest in cooking and dining one of the signal developments of postwar American culture, then *Mastering* is one of the most influential books of the cen-

ture. And Julia really had her work cut out for her: In 1961 you couldn't go to the supermarket and buy fresh asparagus, and most Americans didn't know that you could make mayonnaise from scratch. Rather than beat the public about the face and head with their shortcomings, however, Julia picked a middle road. According to Fitch, her "observations and opinions vacillated between two occasionally contradictory goals: making the recipes practical for the American cook and representing the true and historical recipes and techniques of classic French cooking." It's because Julia got this equation exactly right that she emerged during the '60s and '70s as a towering culinary

figure whose influence ranged far beyond the world of "gourmets." Among the other reasons for her ascension were her frightening candor and ease, her obvious intelligence and wit — and then there was TV. This biography serves to remind us of the often overlooked fact that Julia Child was as important to the development of public television as she was to the betterment of American food. In fact, she won PBS's first Emmy.

After her initial success, Julia's star never dimmed. She worked tirelessly to promote her books, foundations such as The American Institute of Wine and Food, and the idea of food as an essential pleasure to be savored. Yet although *Appetite for Life* sheds some light on the various food trends of the last four decades and introduces some of the key figures (James Beard, Jacques Pepin, M.F.K. Fisher, Anne Willan), it is far more concerned with establishing an adoring portrait of Julia than it is with painting a broader canvas of the culinary landscape. This adulatory perspective seems particularly inappropriate when you consider its famously self-deprecating subject.

In the end, Fitch seems to have very little interest in food. She describes an occasion during the writing of the second volume of *Mastering* when Julia "was not satisfied with the chocolate cake recipe Simca chose ... (She) invited a chemist from Nestle to come for lunch and talk about the chemical composition, cocoa butter content and melting methods of their chocolate. ... She worked and reworked the directions herself." Great! But what was the problem with the recipe? How did Julia solve it? What did the final cake taste like?

Written by an author who loved to cook as much as she worshipped Julia Child, *Appetite for Life* could have been to American food what Robert Caro's *The Power Broker* is to New York City. But then again, it's a lot easier to write nice things about Julia than about Robert Moses. In fact, it's hard to think of a modern figure so worthy of worship as Julia Child. She achieved fame not by hitching her wagon to some obviously rising star, but by being devoted to and passionate about a pursuit that, at the time, no one really cared a whit about.

As a culinary celebrity, she spurned endorsements and vigorously promoted scores of chefs whom a lesser figure would have viewed as competition.

If readers finish *Appetite for Life* as I did, hungering for more hard-core food-talk, then I advise them to take down their batter-stained copy of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* and read the final words of Julia's preface. Even without the audio, her voice is inimitable: "Train yourself to use your hands and fingers. They are wonderful instruments. Train yourself also to handle hot foods; this will save time. Keep your knives sharp. Above all, have a good time."

(Newsday)

SEPHARDIC-AMERICAN VOICES: Two Hundred Years of a Literary Legacy edited by Diane Matza. Hanover, NH, University Press of New England, 363 pp. \$49.95.

By Jennie Tarabulus

This unique anthology introduces 15 authors representing American Sephardic writers. Nearly all are professors, teachers, freelancers whose publications appear in regional and national magazines and books, some winners of literary awards. One contributor interviewed by the editor expressed surprise so many other writers like him were publishing.

The term Sephardim in its broadest sense refers to those who trace their ancestry to Spanish, Romanian (Greek) and Middle Eastern Jews. Writers in this anthology harbor folkways and mores from countries as diverse as Ecuador, Syria, Cuba, and Greece; their two common languages are Arabic and Ladino.

Who are they? Most were American born, others were taken there as children. Jordan Elgrably, for example, was born in Paris and taken by his Moroccan parents to Los Angeles. Excerpts from his upcoming novel *Stranger in an Island*, about an Ashkenazi journalist and Sephardic photographer covering the Lebanese war, are fascinating. He is featured in *Best Writers at Work 1994*.

Fewer than 70,000 Sephardim immigrated to America between 1880 and 1924, less than 5 percent of American Jews. Unlike Eastern European immigrants who read or knew of great Yiddish writers, Sephardim lacked an equally great Judeo-Spanish literature. The crumbling Ottoman Empire, vividly described by Leon Sclayk in selections from *Farwell to Salonica*, disassembled ethnic minorities, Muslim, Christian and Jewish. Some Sephardim who emigrated were illiterate; others, though proud of their ancient culture, lacked the ability or urge to record it. Largely unknown, they were a minority within a minority existing on the margins of Jewish and American life.

When Matza, an English professor and second generation Sephardic of Greek heritage, began researching American Sephardic literature, believing it did not match the Ashkenazi output of memoirs, fiction, and poetry, she was astonished to discover first generation American Sephardim actively

# Cod and the history of the world

COD: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World by Mark Kurlansky. Walker, 294 pp. \$21.

By Bill Rootbach

Mark Kurlansky subtitles his able and engaging book about the mighty cod, "A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World." But it might more aptly be said that the world changed the fish: The once enormous cod fishery has been all but wiped out.

And cod aren't alone.

Kurlansky writes, "Overfishing is a growing global problem. About 60 percent of the fish types tracked by the Food and Agriculture Organization for the United Nations are categorized as fully exploited, overexploited or depleted. The US Atlantic coast has witnessed a dramatic decline in the bluefin tuna population ... Mid-Atlantic swordfish stocks are diminishing. Conch and redfish are vanishing from the Caribbean. Red snapper, which is a

by-catch of shrimp, is in danger of commercial extinction in the Gulf of Mexico. Peru is losing its anchovy population. Pollock is vanishing from Russia's Sea of Okhotsk."

And so forth. As the fish species diminish, the many species of birds and mammals that depend on them diminish as well. The problem is overfishing certainly, but overfishing occurs because of overdemand.

And overdemand, ladies and gentlemen, occurs because of overpopulation, human.

Kurlansky portrays several gallant fishermen who are convinced that the cod stocks — brought to commercial extinction in only the last 10 years after 1,000 balanced years of human consumption — will come back.

But they'll come back to ever larger human population, and therefore ever larger human appetite; they'll come back to disaster.

Nothing can sustain cod and other animal populations, nothing can sustain the world as we know it, nothing except control of human

populations.

Kurlansky traces the history of cod fishing from the time secretive Basque fishermen 1,000 years ago traveled all the way to the coast of New England, having learned that cod could be salted, kept indefinitely and shipped to markets anywhere. Cod brought wealth to the Basques, to England, then to New England, to Canada, to Spain.

Cod had a role in the slave trade. Cod was money, once dried. Cod liver oil was thought to have saved the health of England's children during World War II. Cod had a role in the invention of frozen foods.

Cod started a series of steely nerved wars between Britain and Iceland. (Iceland won, a David cutting Goliath's nets at high sea.) Iceland, now that we mention it, was brought from a near stone-age economy and into the present rapacious global economy by ... cod.

The close focus on cod makes of this compact book a kind of lens on human history. And it turns, finally, a sharp, burning beam on the pre-

sent. Kurlansky has talked to scientists, bureaucrats, fishermen, poets, cooks. All are agreed: The cod are gone. Unless.

There's a mixed message throughout Cod, almost of necessity.

The author admires (as we all do) the fisherman, and not only the fisherman in his generation but all the fishermen who came before him and all those who will come after, handing down growing knowledge of the sea and of ships and of fish.

But it's the fisherman whose cleverness and continual search for more productive equipment and machinery has wiped out his own trade.

Fishermen blame regulators (perhaps rightly). Whole fishing towns are in denial.

Kurlansky devotes many pages to recipes for cod and salt cod, a *reueful* cookbook if ever there was one: The main ingredient is missing, big time.

In the end the book stands as a kind of elegy, a loving eulogy not only to a fish, but to the people whose lives have been shaped by the habits of the fish, and whose

way of life is now at an end, except where subsidized by governments, as in Canada. Mothers cry now in Gloucester, Mass., when they hear their sons' want to fish.

Kurlansky has shown that cod and cod fishing shaped and forstold the history of the world. And if we don't all take heed and learn the lesson implicit in this book, Kurlansky's Cod may turn out to be a eulogy for us all.

In his words: "Man wants to see nature and evolution as separate from human activities. There is the natural world, and there is man. But man also belongs to the natural world. If he is a ferocious predator, that too is a part of evolution. If cod and haddock and other species cannot survive because man kills them, something more adaptable will take their place. Nature, the ultimate pragmatist, doggedly searches for something that works. But as the cockroach demonstrates, what works best in nature does not always appeal to us."

(Newsday)

## BOOK BYTES

Hermann Amtdt, 76, resident of the tiny English village of Woodbury for the last 12 years, is the sort of man spoken of as "a good neighbor." He gardens, reads shelves of books, and drives invalids to hospital in his own car. And in the words of one acquaintance, "he has a very good way with silence which makes you want to fill it." But none of Amtdt's neighbors ever suspected that he was a member of the Israeli team that captured Adolf Eichmann in 1960. *Operation Eichmann (Arms and Armour)* is Amtdt's version of the Mossad operation that brought one of Adolf Hitler's closest henchmen to justice.

Amtdt broke his cover because, he says, "it was my duty to tell the truth. So many [other] books [on Eichmann's capture] were rubbish — total rubbish." Trained by the British army and the CIA in non-violent interrogating techniques, Amtdt was the Mossad's chief interrogator at the time. He also drove the car that was used to snatch Eichmann outside his Buenos Aires home.

Following the Eichmann affair, Amtdt served at the Mossad's Paris office, and eventually took early retirement in 1970. He went around the world as a sailor, worked as a banker in China, and then joined El AL. He took up the quiet life in Woodbury with his second wife to escape "the horrors he had known."

Amtdt says: "I wouldn't go back to Israel now. It's become uncivilized — they torture prisoners."

A NEW BOOK of mainly advice is sweeping America. *The Big Damn Book of Sheer Manliness* tells real males about tying "woolly bugger fishing flies, and cooking up pots of 'colon-cleanser chilli.'" It also reminds the masculine sex of a better time when actress Vera Miles said: "Men were men and women

were grateful." Observers of the current American scene suggest that the author-brothers Todd and Brant von Hoffman are riding high on a wave of backlash against political correctness, women's rights and ethnic empowerment. The von Hoffmanns, however, are actually quite bewildered by the success of their mainly exploit. After all, they sent their book proposal to a publisher friend in a cigar box with a bottle of tequila.

THE SUICIDE of his younger brother moved British advertising executive Geoffrey Lundquist, 44, to write *Father Christmas and the Missing Reindeer* (HarperCollins), a children's story. "Immediately after the funeral," said Geoffrey, "I drove my family to Italy. We were crying for 1,000 miles." While sitting on top of a mountain, alone, thinking Lundquist recalled the joy of the Christmas he and his brother had had as children in Manchester. That's when the idea for the story came into his head. Back home, he wrote the 5,000-word children's book, finishing on his brother's birthday.

The storyline is about a little boy who helps Father Christmas find a missing reindeer just in time to deliver all his presents. The book is being scripted for an animated television film. Also, Lundquist has been contracted to write a series of 10 more children's books.

DAVID FLUSFEDER'S *Like Plastic* (Cape) has won Britain's £7,500 Encore Award for a best second novel. The book, a Jewish family saga characterized as "imaginative, absurd, comic, touching and exciting," was the judges' unanimous choice. Flusfeder's first novel, *Man Kills Woman* (Secker & Warburg), was an idiosyncratic thriller mystery. David Brauner

- HARDCOVER Fiction**
1. *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home to meet an old love.
  2. *Flood Tide* by Clive Cussler. (Simon & Schuster \$26.) Dirk Pitt in pursuit of a notorious Chinese smuggler at work in the US.
  3. *Violin* by Ann Rice (Knopf \$25.95). From 19th-century Vienna to present-day New Orleans: a demonic fiddler preys upon a woman who loves his music.
  4. *The Angel of Darkness* by Colek Carr. (Random House \$25.95). Dr. Kreizer pursues a kidnapper in 1897 Manhattan.
  5. *10 Lb. Penalty* by Dick Francis. (Putnam \$24.95.) A politician's career is imperiled by actions taken by his enemies against his son, a one-time amateur jockey.
  6. *The Best Last Plans* by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow \$25.) The relationship between a power-hungry governor and a woman determined to wreck revenge.
  7. *Underworld* by Don DeLillo. (Scribner \$27.50.) American life as lived by a man and a woman during the past 50 years.
  8. *Timequake* by Kurt Vonnegut. (Putnam \$23.95.) In 2001, the universe starts striking back in time—but decides to reverse itself when it reaches 1991.
  9. *Temple of the Winds* by Terry Goodkind. (Tor/Doherty \$26.95.) Richard Cypher of the *Sword of Truth* fantasy series continues his battle to save the world from demons.
  10. *The Mazarrese Countdown* by Robert Ludlum. (Bantam \$27.50.) A CIA officer struggles to thwart the return of an international cabal.

- HARDCOVER Non-fiction**
1. *Diana: Her True Story — In Her Own Words* by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster \$22.95.) An updated, expanded version of the 1992 bestseller about the Princess of Wales.
  2. *The Royals* by Kiny Kelley. (Warner \$27.) Gossip about the private lives of the House of Windsor.
  3. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt. (Scribner \$24.) An Irish-American recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.
  4. *The Man Who Listens to Horses* by Monty Roberts. (Random House \$23.) The memoirs of a horse trainer.
  5. *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger. (A Norton \$23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991.
  6. *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer. (Villard \$24.95.) An account of the ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.
  7. *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt. (Random House \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.
  8. *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday \$19.95.) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.
  9. *Conversations with God: Book 1* by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of life and love, good and evil, guilt and sin.
  10. *Book by Whoopi Goldberg*. (Weisbach/Morrow \$22.) Twenty-five essays on a variety of subjects by the comedian.

- PAPERBACK Fiction**
1. *Airframe* by Michael Crichton. (Ballantine \$7.99.) A young woman probes a plane's near disaster on its way from Hong Kong to Denver.
  2. *Jack & Jill* by James Patterson. (Warner Vision \$7.50.) Alex Cross on the trail of serial killers in Washington.
  3. *The Offer* by Catherine Coulter. (Topaz \$6.99.) The complex romantic relationship of a couple in 19th-century England.
  4. *The Clinic* by Jonathan Kellerman. (Bantam \$6.99.) Alex Delavara investigates the murder of a woman who wrote a bestselling indictment of men.
  5. *The MacGregor Brides* by Nora Roberts. (Simon & Schuster \$5.99.) A patriarch finds three young men to marry his granddaughters.
  6. *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines. (Vintage \$12.) In 1948, a bond is forged between two black men — one a teacher, the other on death row for murder — in Louisiana.
  7. *Kiss the Girls* by James Patterson. (Warner \$6.99.) The police detective Alex Cross pursues a serial killer and his niece's kidnapper.
  8. *My Gal Sunday* by Mary Higgins Clark. (Pocket \$6.99.) An ex-president and his congresswoman wife investigate four crimes.
  9. *Silent Witness* by Richard North Patterson. (Ballantine \$7.99.) Two murder cases change the lives of men and women who grew up in a Midwestern town.
  10. *Silent Honor* by Danielle Steel. (Dell \$7.50.) The attack on Pearl Harbor had tragic consequences for Japanese-American families.

- PAPERBACK Non-fiction**
1. *Diana: Her True Story* by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) The first 30 years of the Princess of Wales.
  2. *Diana: Her New Life* by Andrew Morton. (Pocket \$7.50.) The career of the Princess of Wales following the end of her marriage.
  3. *The Color of Water* by James McBride. (Riverhead \$12.) A black writer and musician recalls growing up with his white mother in Brooklyn.
  4. *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Touchstone/S&S \$16.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark.
  5. *Under the Tuscan Sun* by Frances Mayes. (Broadway \$13.) A celebration of life in the Italian countryside by an American poet.
  6. *Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer. (Tarcher/Putnam \$13.95.) An Austrian mountaineer recounts his adventures in the 1940s.
  7. *Hanson* by Jill Matthews. (Archway/Pocket \$3.99.) The story of the pop-rock group.
  8. *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr. (Vintage \$13.) Householders sue industrial polluters.
  9. *Girlfriends* by Carmen Renee Berry and Tamara Traeder. (Wildcat Canyon \$12.95.) The ties that bind women of all ages.
  10. *Spontaneous Healing* by Andrew Weil. (Fawcett \$12.95.) How the body heals itself.

- PAPERBACK Miscellaneous**
1. *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff ... and It's All Small Stuff* by Richard Carlson. (Hyperion \$8.95.) How to enjoy life much more and contribute to the world we live in.
  2. *Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen and Kimberly Kirberger. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.
  3. *Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution* by Robert C. Atkins. (Avon \$8.50.) Ways to lose weight and achieve a healthy body.
  4. *Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul* compiled by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Jennifer Freed Hawthorne, and Mimi Szmot. (Health Communications \$12.95.) Inspiration.

- HARDCOVER Miscellaneous**
1. *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* by John Gray. (HarperCollins \$25.) Improving communication and relationships.
  2. *Simple Abundance* by Sarah Ban Breathnach. (Warner \$17.95.) Advice for women seeking to improve the way they look at themselves.
  3. *Make the Connection* by Bob Greene and Oprah Winfrey. (Hyperion \$18.95.) Ways to improve one's life mentally and physically.
  4. *Eight Weeks to Optimum Health* by Andrew Weil. (Knopf \$23.) A physician's diet, exercise and psychological program.

## The New York Times BESTSELLERS

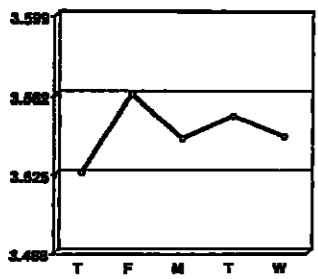
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4. *Sole Survivor* by Dean Koozt. Ballantine.
5. *Mistress of Spices* by Chitra B. Divakaruni. Black Swan.
6. *Thirteenth Hour* by Barbara Soler. Signet.
7. *Veritas* by William Lashner. Harper.
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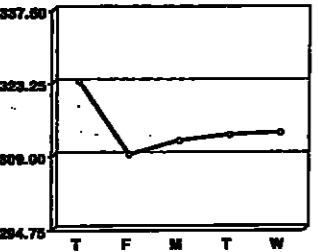
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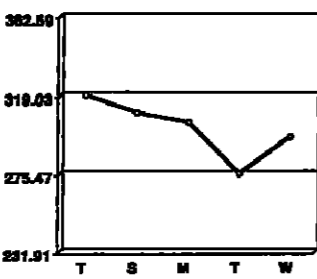


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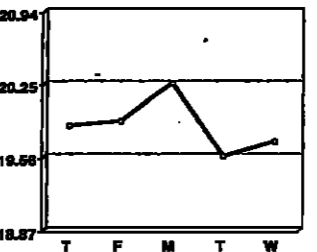


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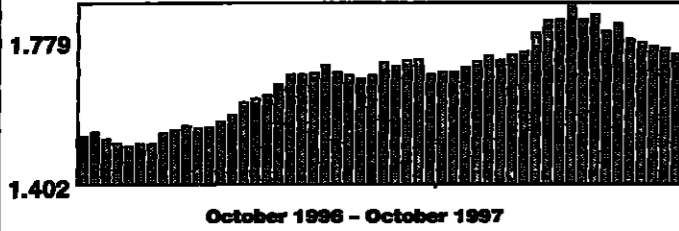


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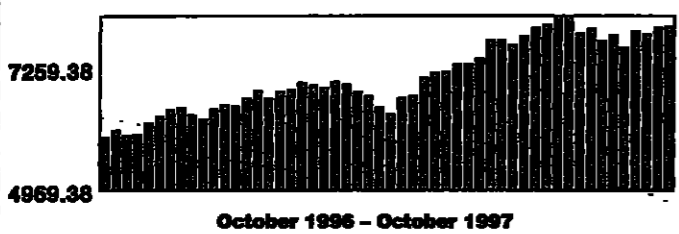
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### Delta to sell Egyptian rugs to Marks & Spencer

Delta Galil-Industries yesterday said that it will begin marketing Egyptian rugs to Marks & Spencer. Via Delta, Egypt's Olmstead Weavers, one of the largest rug manufacturers worldwide, will sell the rugs to the British retailer, which is currently featuring the floor coverings in its fall "Home" catalogue. Delta expects sales of the rugs to total between \$3-\$4 million in 1998. Jennifer Friedlin

### Electronics industry said to face tough times

The electronics industry needs an additional \$150 million for research and development if it is to meet its target of doubling exports within the next five years, Israel Asher, head of the electronics division of the Manufacturers Division said yesterday. The government already has allocated \$300m. for research and development in 1998. Electronics exports are expected to total \$5.7 billion in 1997. Jennifer Friedlin

# Analysts: Crisis in Asian markets may fuel TASE investments

By DAN GERSTENFELD and JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

The recent decline of the Asian stock markets may lead to increased investments by foreign investors in the Israeli stock market, as local companies won't be affected by the Asian financial crisis, analysts said.

The decline in the Asian markets has increased the relative weight of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in the International Finance Corporation index from 1.7 per-

cent to 2.3% as it stands to be included in the emerging market index on November 1.

"The inclusion of Israel in the IFC index gives foreign investors legitimacy to invest in Israel. Moreover, funds which hold hundreds of millions of dollars, will have to invest in the TASE," said Yossi Levi, managing director of Eyal Securities.

He added that Israel is considered by American analysts to be one of the most attractive equity markets among the emerging mar-

kets. "In some interviews on American television commentators mentioned Israel and South Africa as good investment opportunities. We have to remember that Israel is usually compared with countries such as Malaysia, Turkey, Lebanon and Cyprus, and those markets are less attractive."

Yoav Kawelblum, senior investment manager at Epsilon Securities, said the fact that most of the emerging markets are in South East Asia will make other regional stock markets more attractive.

"The Asian markets are connected to each other and when the markets there are so volatile it's normal for investors to look for other investment opportunities," he said.

Kawelblum also thinks that Israel companies have another advantage because "Most of the commercial activity of local companies is with the US and Europe and the majority of Israeli companies won't be hurt by the Asian crisis."

However, some analysts said the troubles in Asia will not result in

positive fallout in the Israeli marketplace.

"I wouldn't bank on a massive inflow of money into the Israeli market," said Keith Phillips of Societe Generale Strauss Tumball Securities in London. "People who were hurt in one emerging market may not be looking to go into another emerging market."

Similarly, Israel's inclusion in the IFC index is not likely to cause major increases in investments, but it will "give an impetus for direct money to come in," Phillips said.

## Greenspan sees US growth slowing, expansion continuing

### Federal Reserve seen as unlikely to raise interest rates

By MICHAEL MCKEE

The recent drop in US equity markets "will tend to dampen" the "unsustainable pace" of US job creation and that should keep the economy growing, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan said yesterday.

"Provided the decline in financial markets does not cumulate, it is quite conceivable that a few years hence we will look back at this episode as we now look back at the 1987 crash, as a salutary event in terms of its implications for the macroeconomy," Greenspan said in testimony to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress.

While the currency crisis in Southeast Asia and the declines in equity prices there and elsewhere "do have some direct effects on US corporate earnings," US markets would have dropped anyway, he said.

"If it was not developments in Southeast Asia, something else would have been the proximate cause for a re-evaluation," Greenspan said.

The Fed chairman's latest remarks soften concerns he expressed earlier this month to Congress that the US economy may be growing too fast and that equity prices may not reflect the underlying values of their companies.

Greenspan's testimony comes in the midst of one of the most turbulent periods ever for world financial markets and suggests the Fed may not see the need to raise US borrowing costs in the near future to slow the economy and forestall accelerating inflation.



US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan testifies yesterday before the Joint Economic Committee in Washington. (AP)

Greenspan issued his customary warning that the Fed "cannot afford" to be complacent about inflation.

However, he said, "there is much that is encouraging about the recent performance of the

American economy."

Growth, he said, "appears to have remained robust and inflation low, and even falling, despite an ever-tightening labor pool." Productivity growth, which leads to higher earnings, "does appear to

have picked up" in the last six months.

By itself, though, it is not enough to close the gap between demand for labor and its supply, he said. Greenspan and his fellow members of the Fed's policymaking Open Market Committee next meet on November 12.

In March they raised the federal funds rate on overnight loans between banks by a quarter point to 5.50 percent.

Since then, they have met four times and left borrowing costs unchanged.

Although US corporations will be affected by the turmoil in Asia, "the direct impact of these developments on the American economy has been modest," he said.

Greenspan has repeatedly raised a red flag about equity prices since he first asked rhetorically last December about the consequences of "irrational exuberance" among investors.

His concern was quite clear in an October 8 appearance before the House Budget Committee, where he said, "financial markets seem to have priced in an optimistic outlook characterized by a significant reduction in risk and an increasingly benevolent inflation process."

Because of that, the Fed chairman said at that time, stock price-earnings multiples are at levels "not often observed at this stage of economic expansion." What's more, he said "it would clearly be unrealistic to look for a continuation of stock market gains of anything like the magnitude of those recorded in the past couple of years." (Bloomberg business news)

## GE, DIC in joint Internet venture

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

GE Information Services, a subsidiary of General Electric, and Discount Investment Corporation, a subsidiary of the IDB Holding Group, yesterday announced the establishment of an electronic commerce joint venture.

The new company, Tradanet Electronic Commerce Services, will provide the local market with electronic commerce technologies and services, which allow companies to conduct business-to-business transactions electronically via the Internet.

"This is part of our strategy to be involved in software technology, non-banking activities," said DIC managing director Dov Tadmor. "We see this project as a bridge between the two."

Several months ago, DIC and London's Mondex announced plans to begin distributing electronic smart cards in early 1998.

GE invested "a few million dollars" in the Tradanet project and will supply its Electronic Data Interchange platform to the company, Tadmor said. About 100,000 companies use EDI worldwide.

Tadmor said that the deal signals GE's commitment to and belief in the Israeli market.

"This is significant because it shows that companies like GE want to be invested in-Israel because they see Israel as being technologically sophisticated," he said.

Discount is one of Israel's leading holding companies for investments in retailing, electronics, communications, real estate and other fields.

Tradanet is to open in November and will start operating in the first half of next year.

The company is expected to employ 20-25 people in its first stage of operations.

## US companies seen as winners after Clinton-Jiang summit discussions

By DINA TEMPLE-RASTON

WASHINGTON - The big winners yesterday's summit between Chinese President Jiang Zemin and US President Bill Clinton will be US companies - Westinghouse Electric Corp. and General Electric Co. in particular - when Clinton announces his intention to lift a 10-year-old ban

on nuclear component exports to China.

Still in question is whether Clinton also will lift other export controls that keep United Technologies Corp.'s Sikorsky aircraft division from exporting parts to China and Sun Microsystems Inc. from selling its supercomputers.

Even so, Clinton's decision to certify US nuclear components for export to China is indicative of just how much, for the first time in recent memory, US and Chinese political interests coincide.

Clinton is looking for new export markets to keep the US economy humming. And Jiang, having just closed a Communist Party Congress aimed at consolidating his power after the death of Deng Xiaoping, has come to the realization that his political survival depends on delivering economic prosperity to the Chinese people.

The US can help Jiang do that with foreign investment and expertise.

Jiang is expected to announce today that the Chinese will end missile sales to Iran, the last hurdle China had to vault for Clinton to ask Congress to certify it as a non-proliferating nation.

Together, the moves are aimed at ending the rancor between the two countries over nuclear proliferation and turning the page on the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown on student dissenters that soured Sino-US relations.

In a two-hour informal discussion at the White House last night, Jiang and Clinton discussed human rights, Tibet and other long-standing irritants in US-China diplomacy.

The two leaders agreed to set up a round-the-clock hot line between their capitals to facilitate more communication.

They didn't reach any conclusion on the human rights issues, White House spokesman Anne Luzzatto said, and kept the discussion more philosophical.

The last time the two leaders met face-to-face, in Manila during

the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting, in November of last year, Jiang confined himself to prepared remarks and Clinton wouldn't smile for the cameras.

While the Clinton-Jiang courtship is new, many US businesses have been courting the Chinese aggressively all along. Ford Motor Co., for example, signed a joint engine manufacturing contract with Chinese automaker YMGCO last week, and Boeing Co. is expected to get its latest order, for at least \$1.7 billion in planes, this week. Generally, US companies expect the Clinton-Jiang summit to improve the environment for US businesses in China.

"This meeting is good for any US company trying to do business in China. The stronger the relationship gets the better it is for business," said Robert Newman, president of ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd.'s Connecticut-based nuclear systems unit.

(Bloomberg Business News)

## Foreign drug company's protest the expected repeal of patent law

Foreign pharmaceutical companies and diplomats yesterday expressed their disapproval of the Knesset's expected repeal of the current patent law.

The current law forbids Israeli generic drug companies from experimenting on drugs until the patent on those drugs expires.

This gives foreign companies a head start, since no such patent law exists in both the US and Europe.

"The European Union takes a grave view of the submission of the bill for the amendment of the

Patents Law to the Knesset this week," a European diplomat said.

The bill for the amendment of the Patents Law was submitted to the Knesset for approval on Monday.

A delegation of representatives of pharmaceutical firms from the European Union and the US met this week with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and told him that enactment of the amendment to the Patents Law will cause foreign companies to refrain from investing in research and development

in Israel.

The delegation included representatives of NSD, Neopharm and Glaxo.

The delegation members also will meet with the minister of trade and industry and the justice minister, in an effort to alter the decision regarding the amendment.

US congressman and representatives previously appealed to the Knesset to repeal the law, saying that such a law prohibits the speedy arrival of new and cheaper drugs to the marketplace. (Globes News Service)

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**Tender 15/97 - International Communications Services for Government Agencies**

The tender consists of three service packages, and bids may be submitted for each package separately.

- Switched Calls and Services - regular dialing for calls out of Israel, direct dialing or connections via the company, or with the use of dialing cards.
- Data transmission on private lines, connecting Israeli installations with installations abroad - optic fibers and satellite.
- Data transmission over frame relay lines - international frame relay services connecting Israeli installations with installations abroad, via the world frame relay network.

Pre-conditions for participation in the tender:  
Bidders must have a Ministry of Communications license for the provision of communications services of the above types.  
A complete copy of the license should be attached to the bid.  
A bank guarantee should be attached to each bid for the provision of a service. The guarantee should be linked to the index of consumer prices, and should be valid for 120 days from the last date for submitting bids.  
A bidder should attach to his bid a detailed description of his company and his communications system.

**Tender Conditions:**  
No undertaking is given to accept any bid - in its entirety or parts thereof.  
The Ministry may cancel the tender or issue a new tender, without giving any reason.  
The bidder must undertake to provide the service, at the prices he gives, from January 1, 1998.  
The agreement signed with the successful bidder or bidders will be for a period of two years, with an option to extend for an additional year, at the discretion of the government.  
The last date for submitting bids is Sunday, November 30, 1997, at 12 noon.  
Applications for the tender documents should be made by fax only, to 02-5317778, giving the following information:  
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# TASE surges following US rebound

## Tel Aviv

Israel shares jumped yesterday after Wall Street rebounded. Tel Aviv's rise comes a day after Israeli stocks posted their worst showing in more than three years, following worldwide equity index declines.

The Maof Index of 25 top stocks advanced 7.4 percent to 295.86. The Mishkanim Index gained 8 percent to 286.88. The Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index of 45 issues rose 10.52% to 98.27.

The rises in Tel Aviv were led by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., up 6.5 percent, Bank Hapoalim Ltd., up 9 percent, state-controlled telecommunications provider Bezeq, up 7.25 percent, holding company Koor Industries Ltd., up 7.5 percent, and software house Formula Systems Ltd., up 18.9 percent.

"World markets are still volatile and dangerous," said Idan Azoulay, portfolio manager at Impact Securities, a subsidiary of Union Bank of Israel. Investors in Tel Aviv "will continue to follow Wall Street," he said.

"This shake in the market is only two days old," and the worst is probably over," said Mark Meiras, managing director at Pacific Mediterranean Securities in Herzliya. "Are we going to see a

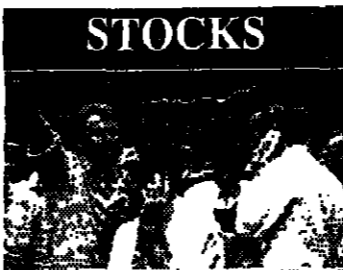
return to rational thinking? Yes. But it won't happen in a day. Rather, it'll take a period of many weeks," he said. "Small investors are now thinking twice about their investments in mutual funds, which have largely driven stocks to highs, he said."

## Europe

UK stocks rose, extending gains after US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan said Monday's market slump will help expansion continue in the US, giving investors more reason to buy equities.

Greenspan said the recent drop in US equity markets "will tend to damp" the "unsustainable pace" of US job creation and that should keep the economy growing. "Provided the decline in financial markets does not cumulate, it is quite conceivable that a few years hence we will look back at this episode as we now look back at the 1987 crash, as a salutary event in terms of its implications for the macroeconomy," said Greenspan.

The FTSE 100 Index rose 116.4 points, or 2.5 percent, to 4871.8, led by companies that make a significant portion of their profit in the US, such as Glaxo Wellcome Plc. The index rose throughout the day as gains in the US and Asia boosted stocks, erasing yes-



**Maof 295.86 ▲ 7.4%**  
**Dow Jones 7506 ▲ 0.11%**  
**FTSE 4871.8 ▲ 2.50%**  
**Nikkei 16857.04 ▲ 3.34%**

terday's record declines. "We've had a good run and the US is edging up as well," said Robert Buckland, a UK equity strategist at HSBC James Capel in London. "I like to see Alan Greenspan shooting warning shots across the bows of the markets." The broader FTSE 250 index rose 139.7 points to 4668.1, led by Pentland Plc, while the Actuaries 350 Index, a combination of the other two, climbed 59 points to 2355.4. "We've seen a restoration of confidence. A lot hinges on Wall Street," said John Lomax, a European equity analyst at BZW in London.

## Asia

Japanese stocks surged, led by electronics exporters such as TDK Corp., after Wall Street's record trading affirmed that the US economy - on which Japanese exporters depend - is still robust.

"Overseas markets were getting most of the blame Tuesday; now they deserve most of the credit," said Paul Migliorato, senior manager in Jardine Fleming Securities Ltd.'s institutional sales department. "Conviction has a very short shelf life in Japan."

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average rose 544.93 points, or 3.34 percent, to 16,857.04 - its biggest one-day increase since May 6. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange gained 43.68 points, or 3.46 percent, to 1303.79. Nikkei 225 futures traded in Osaka rose 580 to 16,840; those traded in Singapore rose 570 to 16,845.

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The Dow Jones industrial average finished 835 points higher at 7,506.67, down significantly from the 123-point early trading. Broad-market indexes also weakened throughout the day, with the Nasdaq composite index and the Standard and Poor's 500 list erasing early gains to end the day in negative territory.

Trading was calm yesterday compared to day's past. Pacifying the US markets was a turnaround overnight in Asia and European financial markets; where turmoil in recent days had depressed US stocks. Also calming the stock market was Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony to Congress, where he said the recent wild gyrations in the stock market could have a long-term benefit.

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# Dollar slips after Greenspan rules out rate hike

The dollar slipped against the mark in Europe yesterday, after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan suggested the US economy isn't heating up enough to justify higher interest rates.

Greenspan, in testimony to the Joint Economic Committee of Congress, said the economy "appears to have remained robust and inflation low, and even falling, despite an ever-tightening labor pool."

Meanwhile, official German interest rates are expected to rise in the months ahead to bring them closer to higher rates elsewhere in Europe before the start of the planned single currency.

"Greenspan's dampening expectations of a Fed tightening," said Earl Johnson, international econ-

omist at Bank of Montreal in Chicago. "Weighed against the argument that Germany will have to raise rates in coming months, the dollar's going to have a tough time climbing against the mark."

The dollar slipped to 1.7335 late in London, after reaching as high as 1.7478 marks in Asia. It was at 120.67 yen, up from 119.80 late Tuesday.

The dollar got a boost Tuesday in New York after the Dow Jones Industrial Average bounced back from Monday's rout, boosting demand for the US currency.

The dollar also briefly extended its gains after Bundesbank President Hans Tietmeyer doused concern about aggressive interest-rate increases ahead of Europe's planned economic and



**Dollar 3.542 ▼ 0.28%**  
**Basket 3.8349 ▼ 0.5%**  
**Mark 2.0331 ▼ 1.01%**  
**Sterling 2.8999 ▼ 0.7%**

monetary union. Still, German rates are expected to rise, though at a slower pace than previously thought. "We're looking for dollar-ven at 120 and dollar-mark at 1.74, or just below, given the prospect that if any cen-

tral bank moves on rates it's going to be Germany," said Keith Edmonds, chief analyst at BJ International.

Tietmeyer said he hopes money market rates in those countries joining Europe's economic and monetary union will fall to low German levels.

"He has to say that," said Edmonds. "No central banker wants higher interest rates. The lowest possible level doesn't mean 3.3 percent; it will mean a rate slightly lower than the current European average, but significantly above current German rates."

In his testimony, Greenspan reinforced the view that the growth remains steady, while inflation isn't overheating. H

also addressed economic woes in Asia, which are seen dimping US exports to the region and helping contain US inflation.

The dive in stocks during the last two weeks should also have helped temper Greenspan's recent warning that inflation may pick up if growth continues its current pace.

"Those who have worried about overheating and inflation should be soothed by the implications of Southeast Asia," said Souja Gibbs, an economist at Nomura International.

A report Tuesday that employment costs rose 0.8 percent in the US in the third quarter, left intact expectations the Fed will keep a steady hand on interest rates for now. (Bloomberg)

# Gold falls because of sluggish Asian demand

Precious metals Gold fell yesterday amid sluggish demand in southeast Asia and as global stock markets began to recover from the recent turmoil.

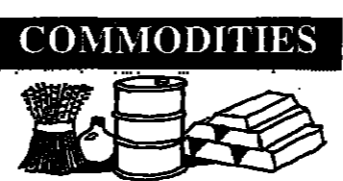
Gold is sometimes used as a safe haven for investors at times of financial turmoil. Global equity markets plunged in recent days amid concerns about slowing growth in southeast Asia and worry that other markets, particularly the US, may be overvalued, analysts said. Now that global equity markets are rebounding, there is less need for holding gold. The continuing currency crisis in southeast Asia is also making the precious metal

expensive to buy in local money. Spot gold traded \$2.30 lower at \$316.25 an ounce.

Palladium rose as demand for the precious metal remained robust at a time when concern persists about Russian supplies. Although Russia, the world's main supplier of palladium, has been regularly delivering the metal in recent months, concerns persist over the level of its stockpiles and its ability to supply in the future.

## Oil

Brent crude futures in London rose even as US crude supplies were shown 1.7 percent higher by a key industry report, because



**Gold \$313.25 ▼ 3.1%**  
**Crude Oil \$19.8 ▲ 0.37%**  
**CRB 239.83 ▲ 0.83%**

market analysts expected the gains and now anticipate rising heating fuel demand. The rise in inventories came as US refiners processed less as a result of declining profits to be made in manufacturing oil products in the past two weeks. Refinery utilization fell to the

lowest level since March, leaving refiners with fuller crude tanks. In the American midwest, the American Petroleum Industry said stockpiles of petroleum and other distillates fell 4.5% as cold weather reached the region for the first time this season.

December Brent crude oil on the International Petroleum Exchange rose 28 cents to \$19.71 a barrel.

## Others

Copper rose as a gain in US stocks reduced the risk that global economic growth and demand for the metal will drop. The US economy remains healthy, boding well for copper demand, because the metal is widely used by the con-

struction industry and manufacturers. Three month copper increased \$39 to \$2,030 a ton.

Zinc rose in London. Paninco Ltd., an Australian lead and zinc mining company, said the expected slowdown in growth in southeast Asia economies is unlikely to have a big impact on the company even though demand for its metals will drop. Paninco said it can sell its zinc and lead in other regions. Three-month zinc was up \$21 to \$1,260.

Aluminum prices rose in London. Aluminum pared losses of the past week, as traders bet that turmoil in equity markets won't dent global economic growth or metals demand. Aluminum for three month delivery rose \$20 to \$1,619 a ton. (Bloomberg)

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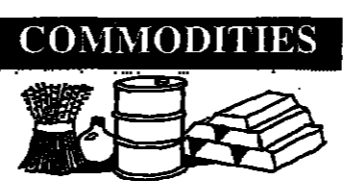
US bonds rallied after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan offered reassuring words about the economy and inflation in testimony to Congress, easing concern the central bank might raise interest rates soon.

Greenspan told the Joint Economic Committee that he sees US economic growth slowing, adding that inflation is low and falling. He also said the recent decline in the US stock market may "tend to damp" the "unsustainable pace" of US job creation. "His commentary is extremely constructive," said Kevin Kennedy, who manages a \$9 billion money-market fund at Citibank Global Asset Management. "He's ruling out a tightening not only this year but well into next year."

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 27/32, or \$8.44 per \$1,000 bond, pushing its yield down 7 basis points to 6.22 percent. Two-year yields fell 6 basis points to 5.66 percent.

Kennedy, who didn't buy or sell securities, has positioned his holdings to benefit from falling yields. Bonds were whipsawed in recent days as investors seeking a refuge from plunging stock markets snapped up Treasury securities - only to sell them just as fast when US stocks surged.

Bonds suffered their worst loss in 15 months Tuesday as the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 4.7%. "The stock-bond paradigm is in play still," said George Keger, executive vice president at Sanwa Securities Co. "Everybody's got



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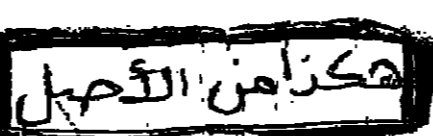
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# End of an era in NBA as Bulls exit, lockout looms

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Time for a new slogan: The NBA - Enjoy it while it lasts. From all indications, this is the NBA's eve of destruction. The Chicago Bulls are breaking up, a labor war like the one that led to a strike in US Major League Baseball three years ago is possible and the whole basketball of wax could break apart like a shattered backboard.

A year from now, you'll be reminiscing about today - the last time you went into an NBA season saying "I love this game." The 1997-98 season opens tomorrow night, Halloween, with a scary subplot.

The Chicago Bulls will be going for another title in the final season under coach Phil Jackson, who says "wild horses couldn't drag me back." That could mean the end of Michael Jordan's career, since he has said he won't play anywhere else.

"Yes, I believe him. And yes, I'll try to talk him out of it," Jackson said. "I appreciate his loyalty and appreciate that he said that, but I don't want to limit his career. I'll encourage him to go on if there's something left in the tank." But there's no

guarantee Jackson or anyone else will be able to do that.

And by the time next July 1 rolls around, the dynasty will almost certainly be finished and the start of the 1998-99 season may be in jeopardy.

"We've had a great run. What we've done is unparalleled in modern day sports," Jackson said. "After this year I'll step aside, look at the game and the teams and at a lot of things that are going on with the league. The possibility of a lockout will affect the future of everyone." Ah, the lockout, essentially a strike by the club owners, who keep the players out until there is a new collective bargaining agreement with their union.

There have been two lockouts in the NBA over the past few years, a three-month one in 1995 and an eight-minute version in 1996.

The league has the right to tear up the six-year labor agreement at the end of the season, which would inevitably lead to another lockout, the possibility of the decertification of the union, an anti-monopoly lawsuit brought by the players and maybe even an attempt by the league to use replacement players.

"I'm not prepared to make a prediction on it,"

commissioner David Stern said last week. "It's a very volatile area, and there's no need to make dire pronouncements."

But Stern will say this: The league is at a crossroads as the Bulls end their run and the game is handed to a younger generation able to command long-term contracts of more than \$100 million.

"Our biggest problem is that we're paying too much money," Stern said. "The result is a cascading salary structure that's OK if you're generating enough revenues to keep up with it. But we're not."

"I'm charged with keeping this league on some economic course that makes sense, and in that totality these contracts are putting us in a cycle where players earn more money, teams earn less money and ticket prices keep going up for the fans."

That's a bad mix. The possibility of a lockout will be the No. 1 topic of discussion when the Board of Governors meets on November 11.

By then, the defending champions already will have begun their quest for another title.

Chicago will start the season without Scottie Pippen, who will be out until at least January

because of foot surgery.

Croatian Toni Kukoc also has been slowed by a sore foot and Dennis Rodman's status was up in the air until he finally signed a one-year contract last Thursday.

Most observers feel Chicago will drop a notch from the team that over the past two seasons averaged 70 1-2 wins.

That could allow another team to finish with a better record, preventing the Bulls from enjoying homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs.

"I told my players at the beginning of camp that we're in the hunt," Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We've won championships with less weapons than we have now." The Utah Jazz, coming off a 64-win season, an Most Valuable Player Award for Karl Malone and a trip to the Finals, may have a tough start because John Stockton's knee injury will keep him sidelined for the early part of the season.

Seattle also has potential problems as the team adjusts to life without Shawn Kemp and gets used to the less-flashy All-Star Vin Baker.

Shaquille O'Neal will be starting his second season with the Lakers, and the Spurs not only

have David Robinson, Sean Elliott and Chuck Person back healthy, they also have the No. 1 overall pick of the draft in Tim Duncan - a player who honed his skills in college for four years instead of jumping to the NBA early like so many others these days.

"San Antonio and Los Angeles have the scariest teams with the most potential - they should be the favorites," said Phoenix coach Danny Ainge, whose own team has been strengthened by the addition of Jason Kidd last year and Antonio McDyess this year.

In the East, most of the contenders improved their rosters - from Miami adding four capable reserves to Charlotte adding a new backcourt to Orlando adding Derek Harper at point guard and moving Penny Hardaway to off-guard.

All those teams, at least in theory, have a chance of ending Chicago's run before its front office does.

But when next fall rolls around, that run will be over, the lockout will or will not have come and the league may or may not be getting ready for the post-Bulls era.

Enjoy this season while it lasts.

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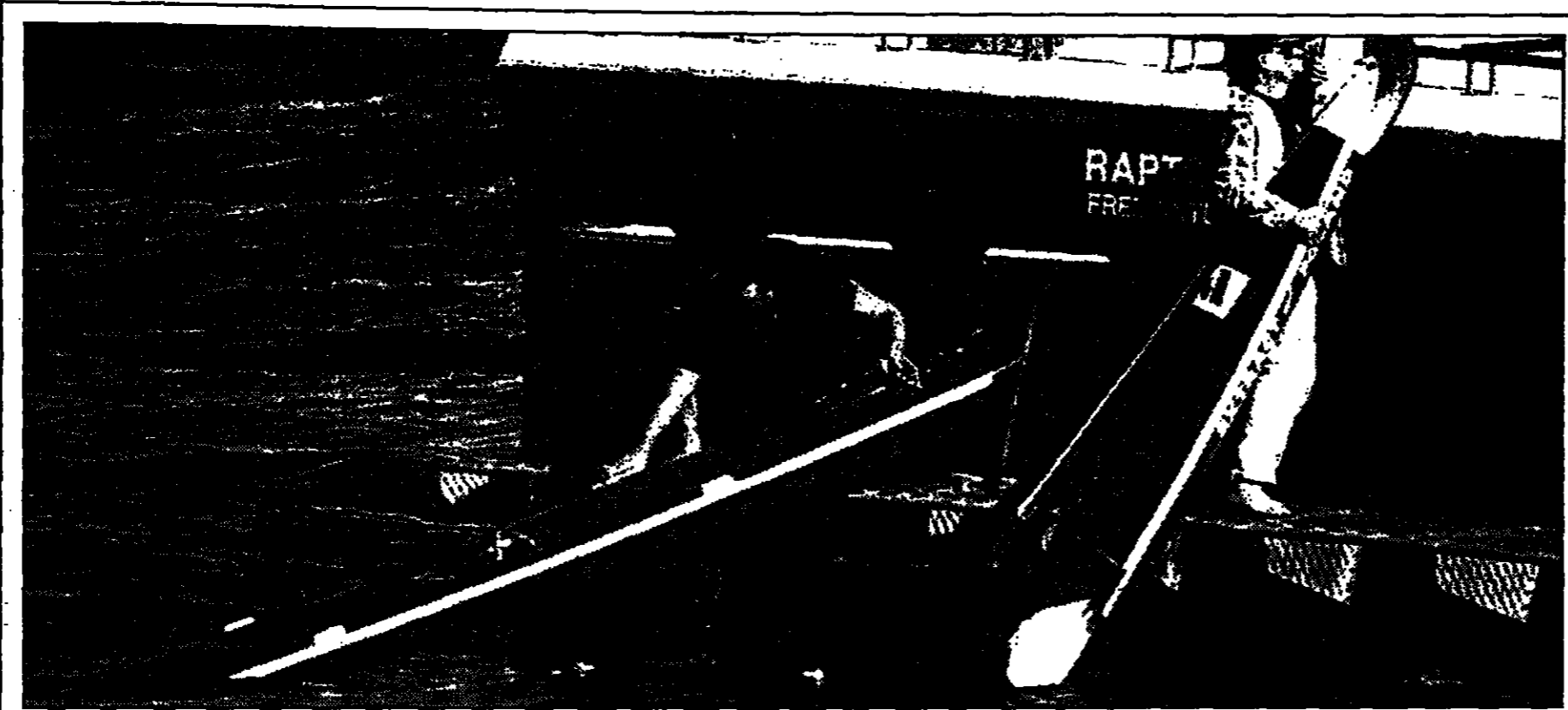
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### Bitten on the surf

Australian surfers collect a damaged surfboard from the waters off Perth after their craft had been broken in two by a hungry shark. The two men were rescued by fellow surfers moments before the shark returned for a second helping. Neither was seriously hurt.

## European failure sparked Rangers boss's resignation

**GLASGOW (Reuters)** - Rangers manager Walter Smith, revealed on Tuesday that his side's repeated failure to make a mark in Europe finally forced him to quit the Scottish championship.

The man who spent more than £50 million (\$83.4 million) during his six-year campaign to make an impact outside Scotland has admitted that being knocked out of two European competitions this season was the final straw.

"There were pressures on players which led to difficulties on the European scene - that was a disappointment to me," Smith said after telling the club's annual general meeting that he will be standing down at the end of the season.

Rangers, perennially dominant in Scotland, again failed to qualify for the Champions' League this season, despite Smith revamping his squad by bringing in eight foreign players at a cost of over £15 million (\$25 million).

They were knocked out of the qualifying round of the Champions' Cup by Sweden's IFK Gothenburg and then, more embarrassingly, humiliated in the UEFA Cup - entry to which was a consolation prize - by French side Strasbourg.

Ironically, the man who is now expected to replace 49-year-old Smith is likely to come from Europe, with Rangers almost certain to copy Glasgow rivals Celtic by going for a foreign coach.

Richard Moller-Nielsen, whose son Tommy is a trainer at Ibrox, is the favorite. He led Denmark to European Championship glory in 1992 and is currently in charge of the Finnish national side.

But Finnish sources say that it would prove extremely expensive for Rangers to prize Moller-Nielsen away from the Finnish FA who have him under contract until 2000.

Tommy Svensson, who recently parted company with Sweden, and his compatriot, Sven-Goran Eriksson, currently in charge of Lazio, have also been linked with the job.

"Walter has said that he will go at the end of the season and we will not be making any decision on a new manager until the New Year," said Rangers chairman David Murray. "Walter feels he would like a change in his life and that is his decision. We wish him well."

"He said to me during the summer that he wanted to try for 10 in a row and to have one more crack at Europe. Sadly, that has not worked out," Smith, who joined Rangers 11 years ago as assistant manager to Graeme Souness before taking over the top job in 1991, took the club he supported as a boy to an unparalleled reign of success.

Rangers have won the last nine league championships, seven of them under Smith, and

dominated the Scottish soccer landscape by winning three Scottish Cups and three League Cups since he took over.

Development of the pitch at Ibrox has also been immense.

Under Murray's rule, the Scottish champions have ploughed around £30 million (\$50 million) into making the 51,000 all-seater stadium among the best in the world, they have a turnover which rivals English champions Manchester United and are among the eight richest clubs in Europe.

Each year, on the back of yet another domestic championship triumph, more and more money has been ploughed into buying the foreign stars who, it was hoped, would help Rangers to emulate Celtic's European Cup success of 1967.

Some, like French defender Basile Boli and Russian striker Oleg Salenko, were failures. Others, such as Denmark's talented Brian Laudrup and Englishman Paul Gascoigne, have written their way into the club folklore.

Smith did manage to take Rangers to within 90 minutes of a place in the Champions' Cup final in 1992-93 only to see Marseille, claim the place instead.

In their two other appearances, in 1995-96 and 1996-97, Rangers have been totally outclassed, managing just one win in 12 games.

On three other occasions they were knocked out in the qualifying round - in 1993 by Levski Sofia, 1994 by AEK Athens and this season, Gothenburg.

Smith said on Tuesday: "A lot of the pressure on the players came from me as manager but I felt after Strasbourg that I was beginning to become a problem with the players." Smith has not had much luck with some of his purchases.

Defender Lorenzo Amoruso, who cost £4 million (\$6.68) from Fiorentina four months ago, has not played a game because of surgery on an Achilles problem, while Chilean striker Sebastian Rozental, a £4 million (\$6.68) buy from Universidad Catolica last January, managed just 58 minutes in a Rangers shirt before being struck by a knee injury.

Smith is expected to be given a £500,000 (\$834,000) golden handshake and is likely to take on the kind of talent-spotting role Bobby Robson has stepped into at Barcelona and attempt to provide new players for his successor.

Smith's aim is now to write himself into the record books by winning 10 titles in a row, surpassing Celtic's legendary manager Jack Stein who achieved nine.

If he does it, he will be allowed to forget his European failures - at least by one half of Glasgow.

## Soumess poised to take over at Benfica

**LISBON (AP)** - Graeme Soumess, the former Liverpool and Scotland star, will take over as coach of Portuguese side Benfica.

The 44-year-old Soumess was named as the club's president's choice for the job after the club announced yesterday that it had decided to appoint a foreign coach to replace the outgoing Portuguese manager, Abel Resende.

Soumess, who has been coaching the club's youth teams, is expected to be named as the new manager in the next few days.

including winning the Portuguese title, Soumess told reporters.

The announcement increased the stakes in the fiercely contested, month-long campaign for the presidency of the Lisbon outfit.

Another candidate, Abilio Rodrigues, said earlier this month that he had secured a written undertaking from former England coach Bobby Robson to move to the 120,000-capacity Estadio da Luz (Stadium of Light). But the move depends on Rodrigues being elected.

## Matvichuk's two goals lift Stars over Rangers

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Richard Matvichuk scored two goals in a 7-2 second period of the first period as the Dallas Stars beat the New York Rangers 3-2 Tuesday night.

Matvichuk scored at 3:07 and 4:19 of the first period to give Dallas a 2-0 lead. Both goals came with the teams skating four-on-four.

Dallas took a 3-0 lead with 23 seconds left in the first period on a goal by Joe Nieuwendyk, but New York pulled to 3-2 on a pair of goals by Mike Keane.

Kings 2, Panthers 2

In Miami, Jozef Stumpel scored the tying goal for Los Angeles with 14 seconds left in regulation and the game ended in a tie even though Florida outshot the Kings 26-12.

Florida led 2-0 midway through the third period, but Craig Johnson scored for Los Angeles at 11:04 and Stumpel tied it in the closing seconds after the Kings pulled goalie Stephane Fiset for an extra skater.

Steve Washburn and Jody Hull scored for Florida, which outshot Los Angeles 7-0 in the first period - the first shutout period in the Kings' 30-year history.

In Toronto, Anaheim's Tecumseh Selanue scored the tying goal in the third period when a shot deflected off his head, and the Mighty Ducks went on to tie the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Ruslan Salei's wrist shot deflect-

ed off the side of Selanue's head and into the Toronto net at the 8:04 mark. It was Selanue's eighth goal of the season, and extended his goal-scoring streak to a club-record five games.

Sergei Berezin and Mats Sundin scored for Toronto. Rookie Espen Knutsen got the other Anaheim goal.

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In Denver, Joe Sakic had a goal and an assist, and Patrick Roy continued to climb the career victory list as the Colorado Avalanche beat the Buffalo Sabres.

Roy, coming off his first loss of the season Saturday, made 19 saves for his 355th career win, tying Rogie Vachon for seventh place on the NHL list.

Curtis Brown scored his first two goals of the season for the Sabres, who had only two shots in five power plays and remained

winless (0-5-2) in their last seven road games.

Flames 6, Penguins 3

In Calgary, Alberta, Jarome Iginla scored twice and rookie goalie Tyler Moss won his first NHL start as Calgary beat Pittsburgh.

It was only the second win of the season for the Flames (2-8-2). The Penguins ended an eight-game road trip - the longest in franchise history - with a 5-2-1 record.

Moss, called up from Saint John of the AHL on Monday, made 26 saves.

The Penguins took a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals by Peter Ferraro, Ed Olczyk and Alexei Morozov. After the Flames rallied to tie it on a pair of goals by Iginla and a power-play goal by Andrew Cassels, they took their first lead when Aaron Gavey scored at 4:22 of the third period.

## 92-year-old rugby film discovered in garage

**CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand (AP)** - Film footage of a 1905 rugby union match featuring a New Zealand team playing against England in London has been discovered gathering dust in a garage.

The two and half minutes of footage filmed at Crystal Palace may be the oldest film of a rugby match.

The film was recovered from Ernie Batchelor's garage by his son, Owen, after Batchelor died in 1988.

Since then the fragile nitrate films have remained in Owen and Maureen Batchelor's garage, except for miraculously surviving a year outside during some building work.

"My wife wanted to keep them, but I kept wanting to throw them out," Owen Batchelor said yesterday.

"We'd held them up and flicked through them. There was something about the rugby film that was quite interesting," Owen Batchelor said his father, a rugby and league player in the 1920s, was a "born collector", and might have found the clips at the dump.

"We don't know where he got them from - that's the puzzling thing," he said.

The film shows the teams going on to the field and the All Blacks performing their legendary war dance, the haka. Some periods of play are shown, but no tries or goals.

The films were shown to a friend of the family, Brother Gerrard Hogg, an archivist with the Wellington Marist Fathers and Brothers Congregation, while he was on holiday in Christchurch.

"The first part of the film was stuck together. However, we could see the silver fern on the jerseys," Brother Gerrard said.

He handed over the film to the New Zealand Film Archive late last year.

Although suffering flaking emulsion and some water damage, the picture area of the film was in good condition. It has been preserved by the archive, and a copy has been made.

Jane Paul, co-ordinator of the Last Film Search project, said the film was the second earliest New Zealand film found since the search for old films began in 1992.

## Nagano appeals to IOC in downhill ski row

**NAGANO, Japan (Reuters)** - The top organizer of the 1998 Winter Olympics in Japan said yesterday he had appealed to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch for his support in a bitter dispute over the showpiece men's downhill skiing event at the Games.

The dispute, which centers on a seemingly obscure argument over the height of the starting line for the race, has threatened to sour relations between Japanese organizers and the International Ski Federation (FIS) ahead of the Nagano Games.

Makoto Kobayashi, the director-general of the Nagano Organising Committee (NOC), said he had flown to Samaranch's Barcelona home on Sunday to request his help in ending the feud with the FIS over the race.

The FIS has been pushing for years to raise the height of the starting point for the downhill course, arguing it was currently set too low for an Olympic standard race.

The NOC has refused, saying a higher start would break Japanese environmental laws by putting the skiers in a national park.

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Tuesday's games: Dallas 3, NY Rangers 2; Los Angeles 2, Florida 2; St. Louis 2, Toronto 2; Colorado 3, Buffalo 2; Calgary 6, Pittsburgh 3.

# Russia, Italy draw 1-1 in frozen mudbath

MOSCOW - Italy, in danger of missing the World Cup finals for the first time since 1958, slipped and slid to a 1-1 tie with Russia last night in a snowy playoff that leaves their fate riding on one final game.

The favored Italians were satisfied to escape with the draw, given a tough match on a night when the temperature was sub-freezing and the Dynamo Stadium pitch was better-suited to cross-country skiing than soccer.

Christian Vieri fired Italy ahead early in the second half but Fabio Cannavaro turned a cross into his own net two minutes later as Russia hit back, leaving the two teams even heading into the second leg at Naples on November 15.

Steady snow fell and a sharp wind blew throughout the match, limiting attendance in the 45,000-seat stadium to just 20,000, including Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and a few hundred hardy flag-waving Italian supporters.

Italian Coach Cesare Maldini, his job on the line, was pleased with the outcome.

"Italy played a great match, showing a lot of heart and aggressiveness," he said. "1-1 is a very good score for us."

However, we must be prepared to play another tough match in Naples. We only are halfway now."

Russian coach Boris Ignatiev also tried to put the best face on the outcome. He said he was satisfied with his players' effort.

"It's not the end of our team, though there are those who would like to bury us and not have us go to France," he said, referring to fans and officials elsewhere who don't want a World Cup finals without Italy. "I think our prospects are 50-50 in Italy."

Italy had never before scored in three trips to Russia over 34 years. But Vieri, who plays in Spain for Atletico Madrid, slipped clear of defender Ahrik Tseliba to shoot home from just inside the area in the 50th minute.

Dmitry Khokhlov, replacing injured Andrei Kanchelskis at halftime, set up the Russian equalizer in the 52nd with a low cross from the right that eluded Sergei Yuran. Cannavaro was sliding in behind the Russian forward and couldn't help turning the ball over the line for the equalizer.

Ireland 1, Belgium 1  
In Dublin, Luc Nilis answered Dennis Irwin strike for brilliant strike as Ireland and Belgium drew



**TUG-OF-WAR** - Italy's Christian Vieri (right) and Russia's Viktor Onopko fight for the ball in atrocious, sub-freezing conditions in Moscow last night.

1-1 in their playoff to give the Belgians a slight advantage in the second leg.

After Manchester United defender Irwin had curled a long-range free kick into the net in the seventh minute, Nilis beat a 20-meter shot into the top corner of the Irish net for the equalizer in the 30th.

The two teams meet again in Brussels.

The Belgians, forced to play without suspended Luis Oliveira and injured Enzo Scifo and Lorenzo Stensel, appeared unhappy at the decision that brought Ireland an early goal.

Hungarian referee Laszlo Vagner decided that Goran Vlaovic was guilty of a foul on Feyenoord striker David Connolly.

Irwin punished him further with a bending free kick from 28 meters that flew round the wall and in

between the outstretched hands of goalkeeper Filip De Wilde and his right hand post.

As Belgium sought an immediate reply, Schalke forward Michael Goossens sent over a cross to Nilis whose header was brilliantly palmed round the post by Shay Given. From the corner, a goalbound shot by Franky van der Elst hit team-mate Eric Van Meir.

The equalizer came in the 30th minute and was a solo effort from Nilis.

He fought for the ball with Irwin on the right, turned back and weaved inside to pull the ball onto his left foot. Irwin went for another tackle but Nilis curled the ball into the top left hand corner of the net with a superbly-struck shot.

Croatia 2, Ukraine 0  
In Zagreb, defender Slaven Bilic scored after only 11 minutes and

Goran Vlaovic added another early in the second half to give Croatia a 2-0 victory over Ukraine.

The two meet again in the second leg in Kiev on November 15.

Bilic put the Croats ahead on a powerful header, and Vlaovic added the second in the 49th with a skillful solo effort.

The Croats fielded a strong side and validated their role as the favorites from the outset, dictating the tempo and throwing the Ukraine defense into disarray with a flurry of early attacks.

Ukraine fought valiantly in the midfield but failed to threaten Croatia's goal. The only real opportunity came in the 30th minute during a goalmouth scramble that was cleared off the line.

Hungary 1, Yugoslavia 7  
In Budapest, Yugoslavia put on an exhibition of brilliant football as

they humiliated Hungary 7-1 to take an almost certain stride towards next year's World Cup finals in France.

The visitors took the lead as early as the second minute of the World Cup European Zone qualifying play-off first leg when Branko Brnovic lobbed Hungarian keeper Szabolcs Safar from close range.

Yugoslavia were three goals up inside 10 minutes thanks to goals from Miroslav Djukic and a stunning drive from Dejan Savicevic.

Two goals from Predrag Mijatovic in the 26th and 41st minutes gave the visitors a five-goal lead at the break. Mijatovic completed his hat-trick in the 51st minute and substitute Szavo Milosevic made it seven on the 63rd minute.

Bela Illés scored a consolation goal for Hungary two minutes from time. (AP, Reuters)

# Betar looking for new striker

By ORI LEWIS

Betar Jerusalem are desperately looking for a new striker to fill the boots of the injured Stefan Saloi and Eli Ohana.

The defending league champions were effectively left without a strike force following Saloi's injury on Monday in which he broke his arm during training. A broken arm will leave him on the sidelines for up to three months.

Ohana had an operation on torn knee ligaments earlier this month and is out of action for the entire season.

Saloi will undergo an operation to repair the fracture to his upper left arm in the hope that this will speed up his recovery.

In the meantime, however, Betar are searching desperately for a replacement, but there are no names yet.

In all likelihood it will be another foreign import following the announcement yesterday that the Jerusalem club's main target, Shah Holtzman, who is currently under contract to French first division side Rennes, is not interested in returning to Israel.

# Maradona says he's quitting soccer - again

BUENOS AIRES (AP) - Diego Maradona, dogged by rumors of a new failed doping test, said yesterday he had decided to retire from soccer, again.

"The footballer in me has come to an end. Nobody's sadder than me," the former Argentine captain, speaking on the eve of his 37th birthday, said in a telephone interview with television channel America 2.

"With all the pain in my soul, the moment has come to announce my retirement. Tomorrow will be my saddest birthday," he added, saying he had promised his father last month

that he would quit the next time "rumors" circled about his drug habit.

Maradona, who has announced his retirement several times before and threatened to quit on countless more occasions, played Sunday in Boca Juniors's 2-1 victory at archrival River Plate, a result which put the team atop of the Argentine first division standings.

Maradona, returning from a month on the sidelines due to a leg injury, played poorly and was substituted at halftime with Boca losing 1-0. Many newspaper reports said Boca Juniors would be better off without him.

# Smashnova, Obziler win at Sherman Challenger

By HEATHER CHAIT

Anna Smashnova and Tsippi Obziler are the two local rackets to reach the quarter-finals of the \$25,000 Marjorie Sherman Challenger at Ramat Hasharon.

Yesterday top-seeded Smashnova, 163 in the world, beat Mexico's Jessica Fernandez 6-4, 6-3.

Obziler, ranked 323, had a straightforward 6-1, 6-2 win over Czech player Radka Pelikanova. Losing yesterday was Hila Rosen

(274), the new national champion, in her second round match against Katarina Srebotnik from Slovenia. The score was 7-6(4), 6-3.

The final of the national tennis league will be between Ramle Sports Club and Elitzur Kochav Yair.

Ramle, with Eyal Erlich, Noam Behr and Amir Hadad, beat ASA Tel Aviv 3-1 in the semi-finals.

Kochav Yair, in their first season in the National League, beat Hapoel Lod in the semi-finals yesterday also by a 3-1 scoreline.

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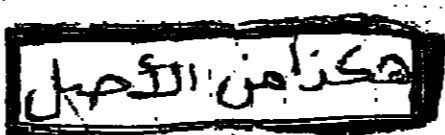
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Hot tips

# Weekender



Following her success in 'Naked' and 'Breaking the Waves,' Katrin Cartlidge surpasses herself as Hannah in 'Career Girls.'

## Mike Leigh's latest 'Career' move

By KENNETH TURAN & MATT WOLF

**C**areer Girls isn't going to cause the fuss that *Secrets and Lies* did, but that's not the point. How often, after all, does a psychologically acute British independent film win the Palme d'Or at Cannes, get nominated for five Oscars, and gross \$40 million theatrically worldwide? But as a smaller-scale work, this look at the weekend reunion of former college roommates turns into even sharper relief what writer-director Mike Leigh brings among his contemporaries. It underlines the qualities his more than a dozen films share that makes each linger in the memory, as this one does, long after the efforts of other filmmakers have faded to black. Leigh's celebrated work method — the growing of characters from the ground up in close collaboration with actors — creates an inescapable and compelling sense of reality. No one captures tough moments better than he, and no one else's people are so persuasive that it's difficult to get them out of your mind. That's true even when, as here, the people have pain-in-the-neck aspects that keep each other — and us — at

**The British director creates an inescapable sense of reality in his new film**

arm's length for a while. *Career Girls* has rewards, but they must be waited for. Annie (Lynn Steadman, in her film debut) hasn't seen her old roommate Hannah (Katrin Cartlidge) for six years, but she's taking the train into London to spend a weekend with her. Before she arrives, Annie flashes back to what their college days were like, and the film alternates between showing how things were then and experiencing what they're like now as it examines the strength of shared memory and the place of the past in current lives. Given how much more pulled together and successful both women are now, it's a shock to see what they were like as students at North London Poly. They called themselves "the Bronte sisters" because "we always get the brunt of everything," and consulted a dog-eared copy of *Wuthering Heights* for advice like it was the I Ching, "except you don't have to scratch it." Not a decade later, Hannah is

always with this filmmaker — a beautifully acted addition to the output of a director who, like Allen, possesses a singular talent that won't be corrupted. *Secrets and Lies* lifted a largely unknown cast to near-star status, and *Career Girls* looks set to do the same for its exemplary ensemble. Of the principals, Cartlidge is the best known, following roles in Leigh's own *Naked* and as Emily Watson's confidante of sorts last year in *Breaking the Waves*. But the dark-haired actress with the aquiline features surpasses herself as Hannah. Lynn Steadman does particularly well in the contemporary sequences charting the quiet liberation that has enabled Annie to shed her twirling, hapless former self. Just as Timothy Spall's photographer lent a poignant gravity to *Secrets and Lies*, that function is here filled by the jowly Benton, who is simply heartbreaking as Ricky, a man rejected by life. Kudos are in order, too, to Joe Tucker as a real estate agent with a past and to theater actor Serkis as a cocky high-flyer who sets himself up for a fall. *Career Girls* may be a smart and sweet examination of how two women got to be here from there, but it's a measure of Leigh's keen and democratic eye that the men are not left out. (LA Times, AP)

# Hot tips

**Tel Aviv**  
If you've been missing that coffee-house jazz thing that all the kids are crazy about in the States, head on over to Barklay's Coffee in Ramat Gan. Tonight at 9 you can swing out with Meir Ben-Michael's Quartet. 1 Jabotinsky Street.  
Stay up late and catch TNT, a musical that promises punk, soul and something the promoters bill as "black" music. Show starts at 11:30 at Tzavta 2.  
With the Boston trial of British actor Louise Woodward making the headlines, especially on SkyNews, those who are keeping up with British murder cases might want to take in Superior Beings. The play purports to be loosely based on the kingdom's grisly West murders. Curtain tonight at 9 at Hasimta Theater in Old Jaffa.  
Shmuel Hasfari's play *Shiva* takes place during the days when an appearance by Anwar Sadat on Israeli television was a national event. Tonight at 9 at Heichal Hatarbut in Kfar Sava.

**Jerusalem**  
Amateur Columbus and wannabe V.I. Warshawskis can try their hands at figuring out whodunnit as they take part in the audi-

ence-participatory play *Mystery in the Citadel*. The interactive show is an easy way to entertain yourself and your family while you take in all the nighttime drama that the Tower of David Museum of the History of Jerusalem has to offer — before the weather gets too cold. You might want to take some warm clothes, just in case. The museum is located in the Old City, next to Jaffa Gate. Call 627-4111.  
Conductor Martin Yates leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in selections from London and Broadway musicals. The show starts tonight at 8:30 at ICC, at Binayenei Ha'uma.  
Pianist Tali Rivlin and bassist Emek Rave jazz it up tonight, beginning at 11:30, at Tmol Shilshom. The hip and almost hidden cafe is located at 5 Yoel Solomoni, off Ben-Yehuda Street. Call 623-2758.

**And Points Beyond**  
Ever feel like reading other people's mail? In the play *Darling*, Estherlein, the actors do it for you, as the action takes place in form of letters between S.Y. Agnon and his wife. Tonight at 7 at Wadi Salib.  
Conductor Doron Salomon leads the The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra in a program of Bizet and Rossini. Tonight at 8:30 at Heichal Hatarbut in Nahariya.  
Goren Agmon's drama *The Heichal* plays today at 5 and 9 at Heichal Hatarbut in Afufa.

## Feelin' like Sunday

By AMY KLEIN

**W**ho doesn't miss Sundays? That lazy, lolling gather-your-sanity time which begins with a late brunch and ends with some cultural, soul-lifting activity: a day in the park, at the museum, the movies or musical performance. Israeli Fridays — with traffic, errands, and the imminent Shabbat — just isn't the same. Here's one way to try and recapture that old Sunday afternoon spirit: Go to Bezael Street in Nahlat at around 1:30 on Friday afternoons. For three hours, the Pargod hosts jazz jam sessions, the kind you might find in Greenwich Village's Washington Square Park, like a spontaneous eruption, as if musicians "just happened" to run into each other and decided to jam.

That's what happens Friday afternoons at the Pargod. Pianists, drummers, guitarists, horn players and even scat singers — some professional, some amateur — drop by this intimate, tunnel-like theater to make music. The Pargod is an oblong descending hall, with the stage at the bottom. It seats about 100 people, on hard-backed wooden chairs set up in small circles, with tables for beer or soft drinks.

The Pargod has long been an institution. It opened in 1969, originally as a repertory theater, before the Khan and the Jerusalem Theater were around. Arich Mark, the



founder and manager, hired the Jerusalem Sextet in 1975 to fill in the nights between shows. But jazz became so popular that it became a regular feature; big-name performers would stop by to play Fridays — Chick Corea, for example — before their main performances.

Today, the Pargod has more than just jazz during the week. Many popular performers got their start at the Pargod, says Mark, like Si Elyman and Corinne Allal. Next month's weekly concerts include ethnic music with Hahereia Hativ, rock groups, and mime troupe Dikla and the Dickies. Tickets cost NIS 30 to NIS 55.

Admission to the Friday jam sessions is free. The messy-haired attendees — I wore mine loose and curly, like a hunched, enthusiastic piano player — wander in and out in their Birkenstocks and overalls.

"It feels like a jazz club," says Josh, visiting the Pargod for the first time. "Like somebody's basement but with a microphone and a stage."

Sorry to disappoint you, Josh, but jazz will not be the big item at the Pargod in the future. Mark is planning fewer jazz concerts and more rock and ethnic music. "Something happened. There's less excitement over jazz in Israel. I think it's because local jazz is not being infused with new energy."

The one exception to the local jazz scene is the underground Friday jams at the Pargod. "Strangers come together and play," says Mark. "People even loan bands from their own homes. There's a camaraderie, and the music is a classic in a way it can only be with jazz."

The Pargod, 18 Bezael Street, Jerusalem

## Musicals on my mind

Actress and singer Hani Nahmias talks about her favorite musicals

**A**t age 10, actress/singer Hani Nahmias was already a child star, the heroine of *Hannale and the Sabbath Dress*. She did her army service in what was the cream of the IDF entertainment troupes, *Lahakat Hanahal*. For a while she was in the Cameri Theater, was the host of various TV shows, including the Miss Israel beauty pageant, and she has sung in comedy shows with Tuvia Tsafir. But her real métier is children. Nahmias likes children and they adore her because she's like a kid herself. Her charisma, energy and enthusiasm, her unapologetic attitude, draw her young audiences to her like honey draws Pooch. She played the title role in the musical *Peter Pan* with Hanoch Rosenne. She's hosted the Hanukka Festival for the last three years. She is the undisputed queen of kiddie TV, with shows like *Pretty Butterfly* and *Hoppa Hey*. Nahmias is also the hostess of the youth program *Ping Pong* and of the miniseries *In First Place*. Her performance as Maria in *The Sound of Music* made the 1995 local revival a hit that ran for close to two years. Nahmias says she loves musical theater, can see four musicals in one weekend in New York or London, and would love to star in a musical version of *Mary Poppins*.



dier and a Vietnamese girl and the unhappy legacy it bequeaths to their Eurasian child."

**3. Oliver!** by Lionel Bart  
"I saw the revival in London about a year ago. It's naive and enchanting. The music is wonderful and the children steal the show. I love musicals with children in them, especially when they act well, and these did. The set on that was impressive too. They can be that way on London and Broadway stages because the shows don't have to travel, the way they do here. Fagin's underworld literally came up from below and left me gasping."

**1. The Sound of Music** by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein is her first choice. "It's the musical classic. The music is amazing. There's a Cinderella love story, kids, history. Of course Julie Andrews is the definitive Maria. I was three years old when the movie came out. I've never seen the stage version, only the movie, lots of times. I think it probably influenced my career."  
**2. Miss Saigon** by C.M. Schonberg, lyrics by R. Maltby Jr., based on the fall of Saigon in 1975. "I saw the play in New York. The sheer size of the set is mind blowing. A helicopter lands on stage! I'm touched by the story of the love between an American sol-

**4. Tommy** — the rock opera by Pete Townshend of The Who, which has become a cult with a website of its own. "I saw it in London last year. It's been running for 20 years. It's the sort of music that has you sitting on the edge of your seat. It's the story of a brain-damaged boy who flies, and I was impressed by their flight technique."  
**5. Damn Yankees** — about a baseball fan and his favorite team by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. "I saw it in New York about two years ago, starring Jerry Lewis. It's a small-scale musical but Lewis is that rare comedian who can really fill a stage. At the end of the show, I stood on my seat to applaud." — Helen Kaye

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oking striker  
Salci will undergo an operation to repair the fracture to his upper left arm in the hope that this will speed up his recovery.  
In the meantime, however, he is searching desperately for a replacement, but there are no names yet.  
It is all likelihood it will be some foreign import following the announcement yesterday that the Jerusalem club's main target, the 21-year-old French first division player, is not interested in returning to Israel.  
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Seckel pears are best suited to baked desserts like this one: Spiced pears in red wine.

(Cooking Light)

# A sweet pilgrimage

### Because the American colonists were so inventive, their classic New England desserts are still a hit, writes New England native Nina Simonds

Many are inclined to think of New Englanders as bearers of a tradition in cookery that's historically rich, but a trifle stodgy and unimaginative: baked beans; Thanksgiving turkey; the boiled dinner.

This notion does them a grave disservice. The truth is that even as far back as the Pilgrim days, Yankee cooks have been endlessly resourceful and inventive. And that's especially true at the end of the meal, when the dessert trolley rolls around.

When Native Americans taught the settlers the secret of "sugaring off" maple trees, the settlers found lots of uses for the resulting syrup.

And with a steady supply of exotic ingredients arriving by clipper ship from the far corners of the earth — cinnamon, cloves and ginger from the Orient as well as rum, molasses, pineapples and lemons from the West Indies — cooks had ample opportunity to mix local and imported tastes. To a great extent, the results of their experiments are the desserts that have become a cornerstone of the Colonial culinary legacy.

This region's robust cuisine might have been invented just for a crisp New England autumn. After a bundled-up afternoon picking through antiques or strolling along woodland paths and deserted dunes, there's something inevitable and proper about tucking away a substantial, non-sensory roast or stew, then topping the meal off with a soul-satisfying rice pudding, or maybe Boston Cream Pie — that confection featuring twin layers of cake sandwiched with cream and crowned with chocolate.

New England's classic dessert recipes have been passed between generations for a couple of hundred years now, but that's no reason for today's cooks to regard them as sacred texts. In fact, those clever Colonials would no doubt applaud the health-conscious spin put on several of their most famous sweets, lightening them without changing their character a whit.

## CHOCOLATE-POTATO TWEEDED CAKE

Although mashed potatoes may seem like an unlikely ingredient for a sweet Bundt cake, they've actually been used as a baking ingredient for centuries.

- 3 large egg whites
1/4 tsp. cream of tartar
1/2 cups sugar, divided
1/2 cup margarine, softened
1 cup mashed, cooked, peeled red potato
1 large egg
2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. baking soda
1/4 tsp. ground cloves
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/2 cup 1% fat milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
cooking spray
1 tsp. sifted unsweetened cocoa
1/4 cup frozen reduced-calorie whipped topping, thawed

Preheat oven to 175°.

Beat egg whites and cream of tartar at high speed of a mixer until foamy. Gradually add 1/4 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time; beat until stiff peaks form. Set aside.

Beat 1 1/2 cups sugar and margarine in a large bowl at medium speed of a mixer until well-blended (about 5 minutes). Add mashed potatoes and egg; beat well.

Combine flour and next 7 ingredients (flour through nutmeg). Add flour mixture to potato mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture.

Fold egg-white mixture and vanilla into batter; pour batter into a 12-cup Bundt pan coated with cooking spray.

Bake at 175° for 45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes; remove from pan. Cool completely on a wire rack. Cut into 12 slices. Sprinkle with cocoa; dollop each serving with 1 Tbsp. whipped topping. (Serves 12.)

## SPICED PEARS IN RED WINE

Once New Englanders were introduced to the tiny, russet-colored Seckel pear, they learned that this fruit's firm texture and spicy-sweet flavor are best suited to baked desserts. You won't find Seckels, five or six-inch size Bosc pears can be substituted. Look for crystallized ginger and star anise in the spice section at Asian markets or specialty stores.

1 1/2 cups cranberry juice
1/2 cup Seckel pears (about 1 1/2 kg.), peeled
20 1/2 cup sugar
5 orange rind strips, 6 1/2 x 2 cm.
1/2 cup orange juice
2 cinnamon sticks, 6 1/2 cm.
1 star anise (optional)
5 tsp. chopped crystallized ginger

Sprinkle lemon juice over pears; drain.

Combine wine and next 4 ingredients (wine through cinnamon) in a large non-aluminum Dutch oven. Add star anise, if desired; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cook, covered, 10 minutes. Add pears; simmer 10 minutes or until tender, turning pears occasionally. Remove pears from wine mixture using a slotted spoon. Place in a shallow bowl; set aside.

Bring wine mixture to a boil over high heat; cook 10 minutes or until reduced to about 2 cups. Discard solids. Spoon reduced wine mixture over pears; sprinkle with ginger. (Serves 10.)

## MAPLE RICE PUDDING

For a low-fat version of this pudding, use short-grain Arborio rice to create a richer, creamier texture.

- 4 cups low-fat milk
1/2 cup Arborio rice or other short-grain rice
1/2 cup maple syrup
1/2 cup raisins
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/4 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

Combine first 4 ingredients in a medium saucepan; bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring frequently. Reduce heat to low; cook 50 minutes or until rice is tender and mixture is creamy, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat, and stir in vanilla, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. (Serves 8.)

## BOSTON CREAM PIE

This dessert isn't a pie at all; it consists of two layers of sponge cake with a custard filling. It was Boston's Parker House hotel that crowned this "pie" with its now familiar chocolate topping. (In the more traditional version, powdered sugar is dusted on top.)

vanilla pastry cream (recipe below)
cooking spray
2 tsp. cake flour
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 tsp. margarine
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1 large egg yolk
1 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 cup skim milk
2 large egg whites
2 Tbsp. sugar
chocolate glaze (recipe below)

Prepare vanilla pastry cream. Preheat oven to 175°.

Coat bottom of a 22-cm. round cake pan with cooking spray. Dust with 2 tsp. flour; set aside.

Beat 1/2 cup sugar and margarine in a medium bowl at medium speed of a mixer until well-blended (about 5 minutes). Add vanilla and egg yolk, and beat well. Sift together 1 1/2 cups flour, baking powder and salt.

Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture.

Beat egg whites at high speed of a mixer until foamy, using clean dry beaters. Gradually add 3 Tbsp. sugar, beating mixture until stiff peaks form. Gently stir one-fourth of egg-white mixture into batter.

Gently fold in remaining egg-white mixture. Pour into prepared pan. Bake at 175° for 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on a wire rack; remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

Split cake in half horizontally using a serrated knife; place bottom layer, cut side up, on a serving plate. Spread vanilla pastry cream evenly over bottom layer; top with remaining cake layer. Spread chocolate glaze evenly over top. Chill 1 hour or until glaze is set. (Serves 10.)

## VANILLA PASTRY CREAM

- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
1/2 cup sugar
2 1/2 Tbsp. cornstarch
1 1/4 cups low-fat milk
1 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract

Place egg in a bowl; set aside. Combine sugar and cornstarch in a saucepan. Gradually add milk to saucepan; stir with a whisk until blended. Bring to a boil over

medium heat; cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Gradually stir one-fourth of hot milk mixture into egg; add to remaining milk mixture, stirring constantly.

Cook over medium heat 1 minute or until thick, stirring constantly.

Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Pour mixture into a bowl; place plastic wrap on surface, and chill. (Makes 1 1/2 cups.)

## CHOCOLATE GLAZE

- 60 gr. semisweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
3 1/2 Tbsp. water
2 1/2 Tbsp. fat-free, sweetened, condensed milk

Combine all ingredients in a medium glass bowl, and microwave at high 1 minute or until almost melted, stirring until smooth. (Makes 1/2 cup.)

## SIDE-DOWN APPLE-SPICE CAKE

Spice cake was a staple because Salem, Massachusetts, and other New England ports were hubs for the Far East spice trade. After ships from the Caribbean brought back pineapples, an inventive cook layered pineapple and sugar on the bottom of the spice cake pan. The result: an instant classic.

4 tsp. margarine, softened
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
7 slices fresh pineapple, 1 cm. thick
1/4 cup margarine, softened
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup honey
1 large egg
1 1/4 cups sifted cake flour
1 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/4 cup skim milk
2 tsp. grated orange rind
1 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 175°.

Melt 4 tsp. margarine in a 22-cm. cast-iron or heavy skillet. Add juice and brown sugar; bring to a boil and stir. Remove from heat.

Arrange pineapple slices in a single layer over brown sugar mixture; set aside.

Beat 1/4 cup margarine, granulated sugar, honey and egg at medium speed of a mixer until thick and fluffy. Combine flour and next 5 ingredients (flour through nutmeg) in a bowl. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with flour mixture; beat well after each addition. Stir in rind and vanilla. Pour batter over pineapple slices.

Bake cake at 175° for 35 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 5 minutes on a wire rack. Loosen cake from sides of pan using a narrow metal spatula. Invert onto a cake plate and cut into wedges. Serve warm. (Serves 10.)

## CRANBERRY-APPLE TART

Native Americans introduced Pilgrims to the cranberry. Colonial cooks paired the tart fruit

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with apples to make what has become a familiar fall pie.

- 1 cup sugar
2 Tbsp. all-purpose flour
1 tsp. grated orange rind
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 cup water
4 cups diced Golden Delicious apples
1 1/2 cups fresh or frozen cranberries
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, divided
7 1/2 Tbsp. ice water
1 1/2 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
4 1/2 Tbsp. vegetable shortening cooking spray

Preheat oven to 220°. Combine first 5 ingredients in a large saucepan. Stir in diced apple and cranberries; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer 15 minutes or until cranberries pop; stir occasionally. Remove from heat; cool.

Combine 1/2 cup flour and ice water, stirring with a whisk until well-blended; set aside. Combine 1 1/4 cups flour, 1 1/2 tsp. sugar and salt in a bowl; cut in shortening with a pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture resembles coarse meal. Add ice water mixture; mix with a fork until flour mixture is moist.

Gently press mixture into a 9-cm. circle on heavy-duty plastic wrap; cover with additional plastic wrap. Roll dough, still covered, into an 24-cm. circle; chill for 10 minutes or until plastic can be easily removed.

Remove top sheet of plastic; fit dough, uncovered side down, into a 20-cm. pie plate coated with cooking spray. Remove bottom sheet of plastic. Fold edges under; flute. Pierce bottom and sides of dough with a fork. Bake at 200° for 8 minutes; cool on a wire rack.

Combine applesauce and remaining ingredients in a bowl, and stir well with a whisk. Pour into prepared crust; bake at 200° for 10 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 160°; bake an additional 55 minutes or until filling is set. Cool completely on a wire rack. Garnish with cinnamon sticks, if desired. (Serves 8.)

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## MARLBOROUGH PIE

For special occasions and holidays, Yankee cooks often departed from the traditional apple-pie recipe and prepared this rich pie. It's made with shredded apples or applesauce.

- 1 cup all-purpose flour, divided
3 1/2 Tbsp. ice water
1 tsp. sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
3 Tbsp. vegetable shortening cooking spray
2 cups sweetened applesauce
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup evaporated skim milk
2 Tbsp. margarine, melted
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. cream sherry
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
2 large eggs

Working with larger portion of dough, remove top sheet of plastic; fit dough, uncovered side down, into a 20-cm. round removable-bottom tart pan coated with cooking spray. Remove bottom sheet of plastic. Fold edges of pastry under; press up sides of pan. Spoon cranberry mixture into

crust; set aside. Working with the smaller portion of dough, remove top sheet of plastic. Cut dough into 1-cm. strips. Gently remove dough strips from bottom sheet of plastic; arrange in a lattice design over cranberry mixture. Seal dough strips to edge of crust. Place tart on a baking sheet.

Bake at 220° for 40 minutes or until crust is browned and filling is bubbly. Cool on a wire rack. (Serves 8.)

# Phyllis's Tips More from marfona

## BY PHYLLIS GLAZER

If you're a potato lover, you'll love the new marfona strain of potatoes that just was introduced to the Israeli market. (The potatoes are from Holland.)

Each potato has a thin skin, which means they don't have to be peeled anyway. They are sold in three sizes (large, medium and small) and are uniform in size and shape, which makes them particularly attractive for cooking whole. Another advantage: they don't fall apart during cooking like regular potatoes.

Marfona potatoes are sold in 3 kg. cardboard boxes. The grower suggests them for microwave and oven use, but not for making chips. Except for March through April, they'll be available year-round. Price: NIS 4.90 per kg.

New Elite cakes. My dear friend Victor Perry used to say, "For people who like

that sort of thing, that's the sort of thing that people like that would like." That is a good description of Elite's new line of cakes. The wild fruit and apricot rolls and the chocolate-chip banana cake remind me of the kind of overly sweetened cakes served at PTA or HSNAD meetings. Or what you buy when you want to squish you way out of sending a homemade cake to your child's school. They are not, however, what you would want to serve to anyone you really care about. The ingredients aren't the worst you could ingest, but I'd rather do without some of the additives. Price: NIS 12.90 for the wild fruit and apricot rolls; NIS 10.90 for the chocolate-chip banana cake.

If you gotta have it. There are not many positive things you can say about chocolate spread, since it basically does nothing but add fat and sugar to the diet. Most of the time it also is slathered on regular white bread, which is low in nutritional value.

Milk and honey biscuits. Americans call them cookies, while those other English speakers call them biscuits. Whatever you call them, now you can add Italian Novelli's milk-and-honey flavored biscuits to your pantry. Though quite good as commercial cookies go, they do contain artificial flavors. The rest of the ingredients are natural. The large package (350 gr.) conveniently is divided into four inner packages to insure freshness. Price: NIS 7.95.

There are dozens of factors that determine the answer to your question, including the size of the pieces, the method of cooking, the degree of heat and whether the vegetables are cooked with an acid (like tomatoes or lemon juice), which lengthen the cooking time. I like to steam vegetables since this helps retain their nutrients most effectively. I also like my vegetable crisp-tender, which is a matter of personal preference.

Why do recipes always tell you to add the garlic after first sauteing the onion? I like to do things quickly and throw them in at the same time. Does it really matter?

- Sarah Sternberg, Haifa

Onions require a longer sauteing time than garlic, so if you add them together you'll probably burn the garlic before the onions are really done. Burned garlic will add a bitter taste to your finished product, while insufficiently cooked onions will add a raw taste.

How do I know how long to cook vegetables? What determines the cooking time?

- Alfred Manover, Bat Yam

We have several questions. First about limes. No one I've spoken to either knows what they are or has ever seen one here. Since we lived in South America for a number of years, this is a vital flavoring. If there aren't limes, is there something comparable available here?

Also, for high-quality wheat products, do you know if you can buy them directly from Harduf or any other source? We also need a source for (flour) tortillas.

Where can we buy fresh fish? My husband is worried about the health quality since there is so much dumping, especially off the coast of Haifa.

Limes are available here, but they have a very short season which begins at the end of summer or beginning of September and ends

in October. Many greengrocers refer to them as limon yarok (green lemons). They are quite small, with a characteristically thin skin and distinctive scent compared to lemon. If you find them, you can squeeze the juice and freeze it if not just use lemon juice.

As for high-quality wheat products, which I assume you want to be whole-wheat products since you mention Harduf, just remember that if you want to buy them from the company you usually have to buy in bulk. For more specific information, try calling Kibbutz Harduf or asking at a health-food store in your area.

Flour tortillas are available in Tel Aviv at Tres Pesos factory. I cannot tell you where to buy fresh fish in your area, except to find the closest seaside town and look for a fishmonger. You also could call Kibbutz Nabalal and check if its fish is available at a store near you. If not, perhaps it can suggest another source. Since there was sewage dumping in the Tel Aviv area recently, you might want to stick to farmed fish for a while.

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מזכרון תל אביב



# Day Tripper By Haim Shapiro Eating your way around the countryside

### This stop Netanya

Most visitors to Netanya go straight to the beach; Hanoch Farber and Ofra Riesenfeld went straight to the local market to check out the spice shops, the Tripolitanian restaurants and the Russian grocery store where you can buy kasha in bulk.

The two are the authors of *Madrich Mapa Letiyunei Ochei* ("Map's Good Food Guide to Israel"), a collection of virtually everything you want to know if you are traveling around the country and are interested in good and unusual food. As the Hebrew title implies, this is a guide for excursions, and the cities of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa are not included.

Nevertheless, the book contains descriptions and photographs of innumerable restaurants, dairies, wineries, bakeries, food shops and kiosks that sell interesting items in towns, countless Arab villages and at roadside stands.

The only problem with the book is that it's too beautiful to keep in the car and too useful to leave on your coffee table.

To introduce me to the book, Farber and Riesenfeld took me on a tour of Netanya, a city which, as they'd promised, held many pleasant surprises.

We started out at Chacho, a Tripolitanian restaurant in the local market at 10 Rehov Shoham, which received their special recommendation. From the outside, Chacho looks like most other inexpensive Middle Eastern restaurants, but as you walk inside, there is a hint that something special is going on: namely, a row of kerosene cooking stoves providing a perfect low, constant heat.

We feasted on stuffed intestine, a humous soup with meat, submarine stuffed potatoes, beans with pumpkin squash, and the Libyan version of *khreime* (fish in a hot sauce), along with couscous, cabbage salad, home-pickled vegetables and two kinds of hot pepper sauce.

When we finished we crossed Rehov Weizmann, one of Netanya's main business streets, to take a look at Tripolitanian Burekas, a shop that doesn't sell burekas at all, but rather the



The kitchen at Chacho, an inexpensive Middle Eastern restaurant with its own special flair; (right) Tripolitanian Burekas, which doesn't sell burekas at all, but rather the Libyan version of the pastry.

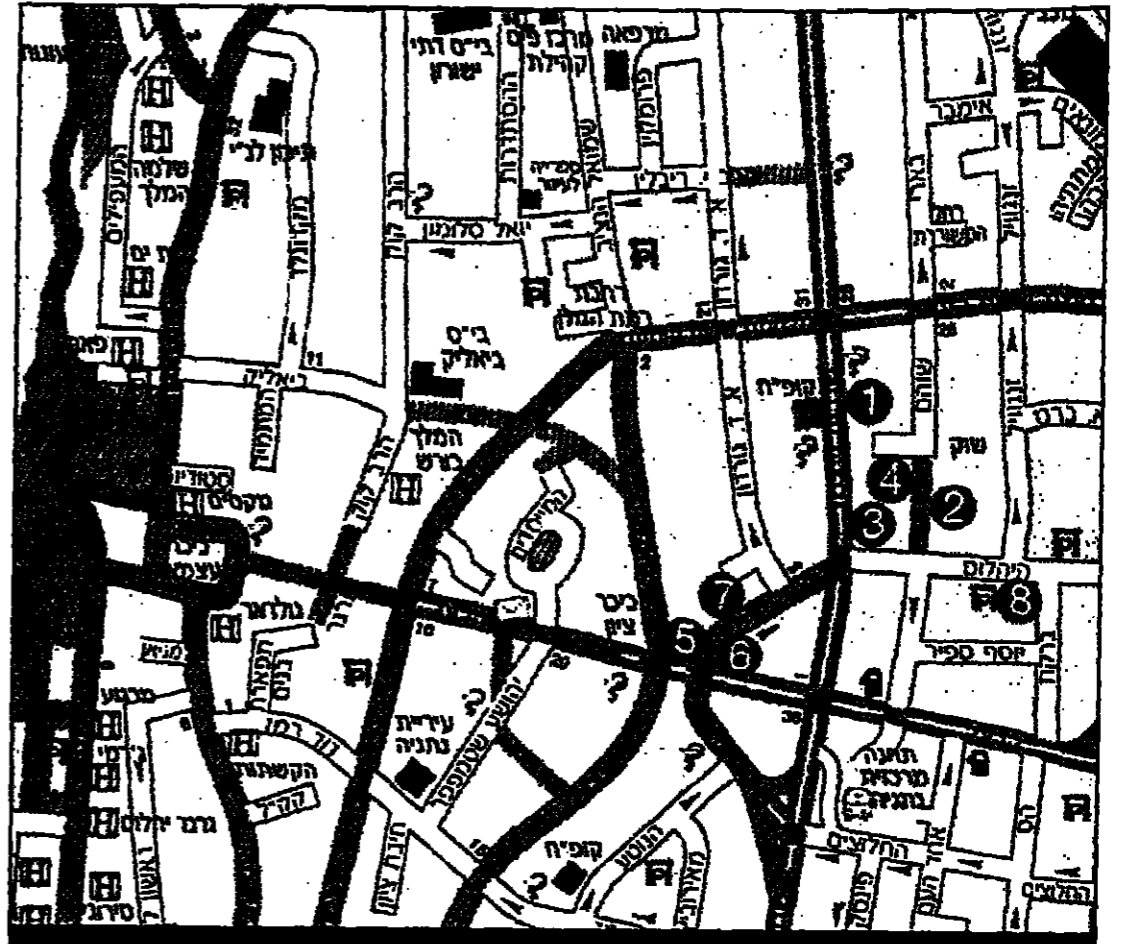
Libyan version of *brik*, a light fried pastry filled with potato or egg. The shop also sells packages of the pastry leaves, which are suitable for anything from burekas to egg rolls.

We continued on to the nearby Rehov Sha'ar Ha'emek where on one side of the street we saw Mifgash Sha'ar Hanegev, an ordinary little place which serves up extraordinary humous. Since the restaurant is only open between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., it was already closing, so we crossed the street to have a look at the Tunisian Sandwich. Instead, we discovered

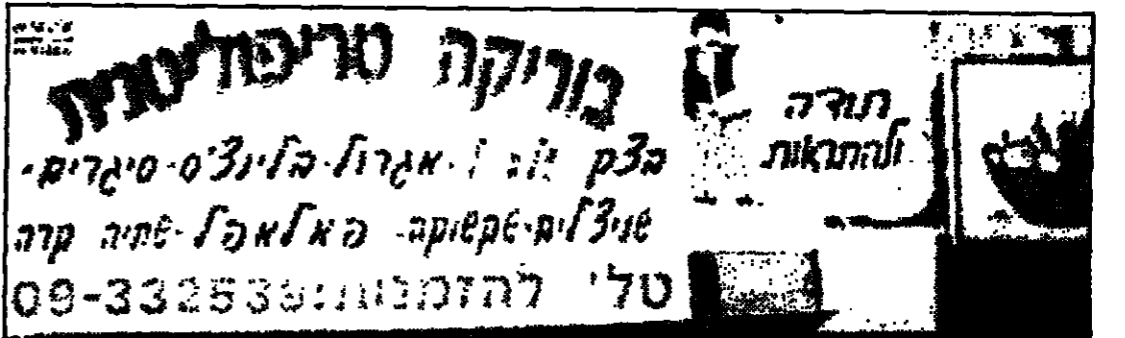
a doorway decorated in red and descended into Samovar, a Russian restaurant with a decor of mirrors, dolls and hundreds of bottles, instantly transporting you into another world. On weekends, my guides told me, the restaurant is transformed from a quiet refuge into a swinging nightspot, with an orchestra and dancing. It is on those nights that guests indulge in caviar and smoked sturgeon. For daily fare, the things that are especially good are the *proshki* and other pastry-wrapped delicacies.

About a block down from the Samovar we stopped for a quick look at the Russian Bakery. This is, in fact, a grocery store which sells half a dozen different types of black bread, mineral water imported from Georgia, vodka, soft drinks, plastic tumblers and of course, kasha by the kilo.

Farber and Riesenfeld were all for taking me to yet another Tripolitanian restaurant, just a few kilometers down the road, but by then I'd had enough. There is just so much gastronomic touring I can do without eating, and I couldn't manage another bite.



Netanya



### Close Encounters By Allan Rabinowitz

# A visit to where Israel was born

### Cynical about the state's direction? Visit Independence Hall in Tel Aviv and get reminded of how it all began

The State of Israel was declared on May 14, 1948, in the simple yet elegant stucco building that then housed the Tel Aviv Art Museum. Outside the building, Rothschild Blvd. is full of traffic and garbage. But inside Independence Hall - as it is now called - you can be carried to that moment Israel was created.

It is easy to forget today that, despite the UN resolution of November 1947 calling for a Jewish state in a partitioned Palestine, the creation of that state was far from certain as the British Mandate ended in May 1948, and almost did not happen.

In the increasingly tense weeks preceding British withdrawal, many nations displayed little support for the very resolution they had passed. Undeclared war, raging sporadically since December, had become increasingly intense and open as the British began pulling out, with all-out war expected to explode as the Union Jack was lowered. The United States was spearheading an effort for a truce and possible UN trusteeship, though there were splits within the Truman administration over this.

On May 12, Jewish leaders gathered in Tel Aviv to face the question of whether to declare statehood two days later, when the British left, or to wait until some future date as the US was urging - indeed, demanding - under her proposed truce plan. Faced with the specter of both military siege and possible diplomatic isolation, the Jewish leadership was hurled into a crisis.

And the Jews had recently captured vital areas, including Tiberias, Haifa, Acre, Jaffa and Safed. In Jerusalem, Arab forces had been driven from some suburbs. Moreover, Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews remained under siege and were threatened with starvation, and the Etzion settlement bloc teetered on collapse (in the end, it fell before statehood was declared). The Jewish front had no depth, desert settlements were isolated, the Judean hills were under Arab control and the Jewish forces had no reserves, and little weaponry and ammunition.

But Ben-Gurion insisted that the future political situation was volatile and unpredictable, that a state could more easily acquire weapons, that military victory was possible and, most vitally, that this window of opportunity might not recur.

So by a vote of six to four, the armistice proposal was rejected; Jewish statehood would be declared. Accompanying the excitement, the sense of destiny and history, was the dread of certain invasion.

With the die cast, less than 48 hours remained to prepare a ceremony. The ceremony was supposed to be secret - one well-placed bomb could wipe out the entire Jewish leadership of Palestine - and held in the art museum because it was fairly small.

Interestingly, the city of Tel Aviv and State of Israel thus shared a birthplace. In 1909, 66 families gathered on a sand dune to divide up the lots of what became Tel Aviv. Meir Dizengoff, the civic leader who later became the city's first mayor, built his home on that dune, and after the death of his wife he turned it into the city's art museum.

secretly dispatched, yet by the morning of the declaration, even a Japanese paper had announced the event.

Arrangements were as sparsely and hastily made as the bunting across the ceremonial table. A dusty portrait of Theodor Herzl was dragged up from a basement, and two huge Zionist flags were found but were so filthy they had to be laundered. The chairs were borrowed from cafes, the microphone from an appliance store, with its name attached and visible. Two thousand years of exile were ending with a bargain-basement celebration.

Squabbles then ensued over every aspect of the independence declaration, such as whether to cite borders, the use of God's name, and the very name of the state. In Washington, Jewish Agency officials submitting a formal request for recognition of the new state did not know what name to use.

A parchment suitable for the historic document was found, with difficulty. But Ben-Gurion rewrote the entire text the night before the ceremony, and the final typed draft was approved with only two hours left - not enough time for the parchment to be inscribed.

The scrambling lasted until, at 4 p.m., Ben-Gurion banged his gavel to open the proceedings. Then the power of the event took over. A crowd surrounded the "secret" location. People around Palestine huddled around their radios, except in Jerusalem, where the daily bombardment of Jewish neighborhoods cut off the broadcast.

TODAY, IN the main hall of the house - where Ben-Gurion sat backed by Herzl's portrait - you can hear the recording of his controlled monotone reading out the charter for the new state. You can picture the National Council on



Today in Independence Hall you can picture the National Council signing the Declaration of Independence and imagine their ecstasy as well as dread. (Seated, from left to right): David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir and Moshe Sharett. (Government Press Office)

the dais (the table is a replica, but the chairs behind it, and the dais and its carpet, are the originals), wondering with ecstasy, awe and dread what this gesture would bring upon the Jewish people. When the new Jewish state, "to be called the State of Israel," was proclaimed, the audience rose and burst into applause. The *Shehechyanu* blessing was recited. "My eyes filled with tears," Golda Meir later wrote, "and my hands shook. We had done it... Whatever price any of us would have to pay for it, we had recreated the Jewish national home." The council members solemnly

signed the blank parchment scroll - the text had to be inscribed later. You can hear the taut emotion squeezed into every note of the recording of "Hatikva," as sung and played by the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. When the last strains faded, Ben-Gurion said, "The State of Israel has arisen. This session is closed," and then banged the gavel. The crowds outside broke into song and dance. The US sunned both Israel and the UN with its immediate recognition of the new state. By the next morning, Arab armies were invading and the Egyptian Air Force was bombing

Tel Aviv. A glance at current headlines might numb you into cynicism as Israel stumbles, bleeds and argues its way to age 50. But a visit to Independence Hall will remind you how wondrous it was that it came into being at all. There is a movie with some fascinating, rare footage that traces 2,000 years of Jewish exile, the Zionist movement and struggle for Palestine, and the blooming of Tel Aviv. Independence Hall is located at 16 Rothschild Blvd., Tel Aviv, tel. (03) 517-3942. It is open Sun-Thurs, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and on

Fridays by prior arrangement. From the Central Bus Station, take the No. 4 bus to Allenby St. and Rothschild, then walk two blocks. There is an admission fee. For groups of 20 or more, the fee includes a guide. It might pay to go with a group, since the excellent guiding will help bring alive that moment of Israel's birth. Individual visitors browsing through the simple, stark exhibits and photographs outlining the struggle for the state might have to work harder to recreate the sense of drama and history. Allan Rabinowitz is a licensed tour guide.

# Bridge

## Israeli Ladies stay home



By MATTHEW GRANOVETTER

North dealer  
North-South vulnerable

North (Avarelli)  
♠ J 9  
♥ Q 10 7  
♦ K 10 9 7 5  
♣ A K J

West (Kay) East (Kaplan)  
♠ K 7 3 ♠ 5 4  
♥ J 6 5 3 ♥ A 9 4 2  
♦ A ♦ Q 6 3  
♣ Q 10 5 3 2 ♣ 9 7 6 4

South (Belladonna)  
♠ A Q 10 8 6 2  
♥ K 8  
♦ J 8 4 2  
♣ 8

West North East South  
— 1 ♠ pass 2 ♠  
pass 3 ♠ pass 4 ♠  
(all pass)

Opening lead: ♠A

Last spring at the European Championships the Israeli Ladies Team qualified for a berth in the Venice Cup (the world bridge team championships for women), which is taking place this week in Tunisia. But at the last minute, the team did not go because of security problems. Tunisian and Israeli officials were not able to agree on security for the Israeli Ladies Team, and the team was required to stay home by the Israeli Ministry of Education and Sports. According to the team's captain, Tunisian officials agreed to equal security for all teams, which meant nothing special for Israel.

But previous locales for championships have also given players problems. South African and Taiwanese teams used to have political problems attending tournaments in certain countries and sometimes attended under pseudonyms. Last year's tournament in Rhodes, Greece, was a financial burden for a number of countries. The main complaint of many

teams is that when a tournament is held "off the beaten path," it is difficult, time- and money-wise, to send a team. There is no doubt that world championships should be in major cities or outskirts of cities where one plane ride gets you there from any other metropolis in the world.

If you've never been to a world championship as a spectator, you should consider the idea for a vacation. They are exciting affairs and you get to hobnob with many interesting, well-known players. The main events are shown in a VuGraph theater with the four-hand diagram on a huge movie screen, while expert commentators describe the action.

This week's deal is a good example of the excitement generated on VuGraph.

It was played at the 1967 world championships in Miami Beach, Florida. The bidding was the Roman Club System, used by one of the famous partnerships from the Italian Blue Team. North's one club showed an average opening bid, and South's two spades was forcing to game. Against four spades, West, Norman Kay, playing for the US, led his singleton ace of diamonds and switched to a heart. Edgar Kaplan, sitting East, won the second trick with the ace of hearts and paused to study the situation.

Meanwhile, the VuGraph audience was on the edge of their seats. They could see that the only return to defeat the contract was a diamond. West would ruff the diamond return and still score the king of spades for the setting trick. But it was difficult for East to return a diamond because he held the queen doubleton at this point, and it looked like the queen would be a trick for the defense if East simply stayed away from the suit.

Nevertheless, if East returned a heart, declarer would win the king and make his contract by discarding two diamond losers on dummy's queen of hearts and a high club. After some thought, Kaplan did return a diamond, to the cheers of the American audience.

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# The mix-and-match grab bag

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

The first signs of winter may not have pleased everyone, but to the truly fashion conscious they were a welcome relief. At last it was possible to parade some of the new season's acquisitions without feeling hot and breaking out in perspiration.

Because ensemble dressing is so much a part of the current trend, it's very easy to switch from casual to formal and back again by changing only one garment (and perhaps one's shoes) in mix-and-match combinations. A ribbed or cable-knit sweater worn with a suit will give the outfit a very sporty look, but once the sweater is removed and the jacket fastened and belted, the effect can become instantly formal.

Alternatively, remove a formal jacket from a skirt or a pair of slacks, don a casual sweater or tunic and immediately create a sporty image.

The mix-and-match grab bag includes textured and colored tights, cat suits and hose, the most comprehensive selection of which is available at Fogal in Tel Aviv's Kikar Hamedina. The Fogal color chart includes over 90 colors and shades in sheers and opaques plus checks, stripes, ribs, fishnet and lace.

The profusion of zippered garments in the new season's collections adds fun and excitement to fashion play. A little tug and pull can do wonders.

Take for instance the zippered polo shirt, a very handy unisex garment, which when fully closed resembles a lightweight turtleneck sweater, and when opened can be quite sexy and provocative depending on how far you go and what you may or may not be wearing underneath.

Zippered cardigans, zippered pile jackets and zippered leather jackets are also back in vogue with zippers occasionally acting as a means of letting out or taking in the seams without having to resort to scissors, needle and thread.

Basic blacks, inky blues, steely grays, coffee browns and manish tweeds are invariably part of the winter scene, but tempered this year with vibrant greens, cheery honey tones, the full red-wine palette and bold shades of purple, tangerine, turquoise and lemon.

It's amazing what a colored blouse or sweater can do for a dark suit. Even more effective is a colored blazer over a dark sweater and pants. If you need convincing, take a look at Next, Dan Casidi, Miss Lagone and Ouiset.

To be reasonably well-dressed this winter all you need are two three-piece suits, one bright and one dark, plus two contrasting sweaters and blouses. Play your options right and you'll have enough variety to create a different look every day for a month.

Although we're back to classics, the strictly tailored versions of the past have given way to a more relaxed, comfortable ambience, most visible in the Max Mara lines where oversized coats and longer skirt lengths emphasize that

comfort is no less important than élan.



(Clockwise from top left): Any outfit can be made more funky with textured, colored tights by Fogal; a colored blazer over a dark sweater by Dan Casidi makes an amazing, wintry ensemble; a three-piece suit by Ouiset is a staple for mixing and matching; strictly tailored styles give way this season to comfort, as can be seen in the oversize coats of Max Mara.

# Chess

## An excellent endgame

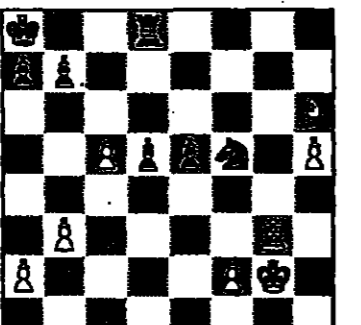
By NIGEL SHORT

The highly gifted teenager Luke McShane has been made the British Chess Federation Player of the Year. Fortunately, the highly politicized and profoundly biased voting that has marred some of the previous awards has been largely absent and this time, at least, we have a worthy winner. At 13, Luke is easily the youngest recipient of the award and the first non-grandmaster. Already an international master, he is ably coached by both Daniel King and Jon Speelman — a considerable improvement over the not-too-distant days when the development of talent was more or less left to chance.

In the following game against the top English woman, Susan Lalic, McShane shows some of his considerable skills as well as an odd, rough edge. Overall, though, it was a good performance.

White: McShane  
Black: Lalic  
London, 1997

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6 gxf6 6.Nf3. This has been played numerous times but I believe it is more accurate to delay the knight's development until the c8 bishop has committed himself eg 6...c3 Bf5 and only then 7.Nf3 6...Bg4 7 e3 e6 8.Bd3 Bd6. Slightly premature. 8...Nd7 or a queen move (8...Qd5!) look more to the point. 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4. Removing the troublesome cleric at the cost of weakening white's pawn structure. 10...Bg6 11.h4 Nd7 12.h5 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 h6? A very poor move leaving a permanent target on h6. 13...Qc7 14.Bh6 Bf8 was better. 14.Bc3 Qa5 15.Nd2 0-0-0 16.Nc4 Qd5 17.Nxd6+ Qxd6 18.0-0-0 Qd5 19.c4 Qf3. Recognizing her structural inferiority, Susan correctly strives for counterplay. 20.Qa3 Nb6 21.h3 Kh8 22.Rhg1 f5 23.gxf5 Qxd5 24.Qe5! Nicely centralizing the queen which can hardly be exchanged in view of the vulnerable h6 pawn. 24...Qf3 25.Qe5+ Ka8 26.Qa5 Nc8 27.Rg3 Qf6 28.Qe5 28.



Rd1 looks more purposeful. 28...Qe7 29.c5. A highly committed decision but not entirely without merit. The black knight is prevented from coming to f5: 29...f6 30.Qe4 e5 31.dxe5 Rxd1+ 32.Kxd1 Rd8+ 33.Ke2 fxe5 34.Kf1 34. Bxb6 directly would have been well worth considering but both sides were already in time-trouble. 34...Qe6 35.Qe4 Qf5 36.Qg4 Qd3+ 37.Ke2 Qd5+ 38.Qf3 Ne7 39.Qxd5. Finally, the queens are exchanged. 39...cxd5 40.Bxb6 Nf5.

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CRITICS' CHOICE

OPERA

HELEN KAYE

Last two chances to see the NIO production of The Marriage of Figaro. Musically it's pleasant. The staging, a total yawn in the first half, gets crisp and energetic in the second. Best of all, there's Mozart's glorious music and Da Ponte's witty libretto to make a fun evening.

And then there's La Boheme. Beg unashamedly for a ticket. Daniel Oren conducting and Nuccia Focile singing Mimì are worth every second.

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

The Guild Theater production of Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park is directed by Jodi Schenk and stars Rob Schenk and Laurel Polansky as newly married Paul and Corie Bratter.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

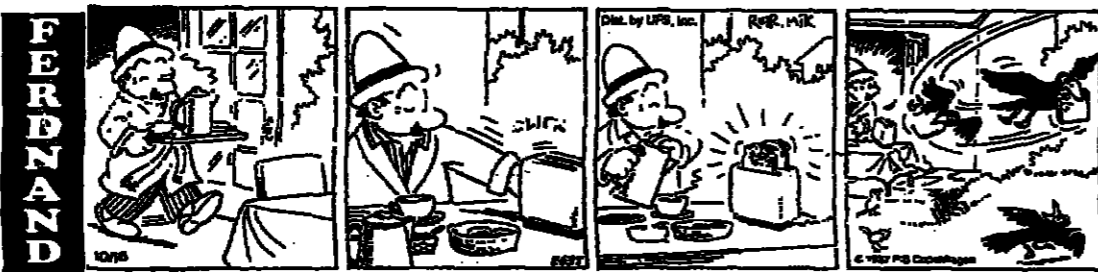
Pianist Christiane Frucht, violinist Patrick McDermott and cellist Joel Marosi met four years ago in Israel.



Pianist Christiane Frucht, violinist Patrick McDermott and cellist Joel Marosi make their local debut tomorrow.

Israeli debut tomorrow (noon) at the opening of the Jerusalem Music Center Youth at the Center Friday noon series.

The Zurich Trio also performs the same program tonight (8:30) at the Israel Music Conservatory in Tel Aviv.



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1 He demands money for a huge platter (7). 5 Corporation has reservation getting Dutch currency (7). 9 Claimed to have been a garden abrid (3). 10 Exacted about fifty after being ousted (7). 11 Fanciful description of Tinker Bell? (4-5). 12 Casual worker goes to eastern Greek valley (5). 13 Timely indication of stress (5). 15 Not informed that candles are needed (2,3,4). 17 Handy replacement of a carpenter's jack (3). 19 Understood by Irish leader involved in diplomacy (5). 22 Blast! No relief! (5).

SOLUTIONS section containing a crossword grid and the answers to the cryptic crossword clues.

QUICK CROSSWORD section containing a crossword grid and the answers to the quick crossword clues.

PRIME TIME TV

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# Mordechai, Sharon oppose primaries' vote

By SARAH HONIG

Two of the Likud's leading ministers - Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon - yesterday asked Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to make sure the issue of the party's primaries does not come up for a vote by the November 9 Likud convention. A similar call came from 10 Likud mayors yesterday.

The issue is still causing great turmoil in the Likud, which is rife with rumor that Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman is orchestrating efforts to dump the primaries to give Netanyahu greater control over who becomes a Likud MK. Netanyahu heard the two ministers out, but did not commit himself. The official word from his bureau is that he still has not made up his mind on the matter. However, the fact that such polit-

ical heavyweights as Sharon and Mordechai have spoken out is expected to increase pressure on Netanyahu to back down. Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, a Netanyahu loyalist, hinted broadly a few days ago that at the last moment Netanyahu will see to it that the issue does not come up for a vote. The convention is to discuss a proposal by MK Uzi Landau to drop the primaries for MKs, but keep them for

prime minister and mayoral candidates. The 10 mayors met in Ra'anana at the office of Mayor Ze'ev Bielski, who called on the prime minister to "opt for compromise rather than confrontation. There is no rush for the party to take a stand on the primaries issue at this juncture." The mayors (also from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Bat Yam, Ramat Gan, Petah Tikva, Hadera, Ashdod, Ramle and Ness Ziona) recommended that Netanyahu appoint

Landau to head a committee to come up with a compromise, "which would take into account the shortcomings of the primaries system, but will not return the party to the elections via the central committee." Landau is known to favor a system that would put the choice in the hands of a special forum of some 10,000 electors, instead of leaving the clout with the 2,700-member central committee or the 200,000 party members.

**WEATHER** Golan 18-24

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Eilat 19-31	Dead Sea 19-31

Forecast: Partly cloudy, Possibility of rain.

# MKs call for probe of Raviv

By LIAT COLINS

A group of MKs is asking Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi to investigate Avishai Raviv, codenamed "Champagne," who apparently worked for the General Security Service at the same time he was involved in right-wing organizations which spearheaded the incitement that preceded the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Three MKs - Benny Elon (Moledet), Ze'ev Boim (Likud) and Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) - have signed the petition to Hanegbi and others are expected to join them, including Science Minister Michael Eitan. Eitan has called for Raviv to be brought to trial for incitement and anti-Arab activities.

In a letter the three wrote yesterday, they refer to an interview with Raviv scheduled to appear in tomorrow's *Yedioth Aharanot*. According to a "teaser" excerpt, Raviv told the paper the extremist right-wing parties in Israel are like the neo-Nazi parties in Germany.

"Among other things, I would like to know is he speaking as a GSS agent or as a private individual and was there someone who told him what to say?" Elon asked yesterday. "Does he still enjoy privileges as a GSS agent while continuing to taint the image of the right-wing camp?"

"Since the change in government, the public has not been aware of any actions taken by the government to clarify allegations that Raviv was acting in the capacity of a GSS agent when he established the right-wing extremist organization known as Eyal," Elon said. Elon called upon Hanegbi to verify whether or not Raviv was in

fact a GSS agent and if so whether he worked as an agent provocateur with the approval or on the orders of his handlers.

"Should the allegations prove correct, then the GSS has acted in a manner contrary to acceptable democratic norms, as a direct result of Raviv's incitant activities," the MKs wrote in the letter. "Even if it is concluded that Raviv's activities did not have a direct or indirect effect on the assassination of the late prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, they definitely did affect the image of the entire right-wing community."

Elon said the justice minister is obliged to examine the whole issue "and see whether steps are being taken today to ensure that in no Israeli government - on the Right or Left - this type of exploitation of the GSS will be repeated."

Eitan has said in the past that among the questions which must be investigated is why Raviv has been allowed to go free, without even standing trial, for his role in racist and seditious activities, when he now works and who pays him.

Yesterday, Labor filed a no-confidence motion in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for what it called "the ongoing incitement by Netanyahu against the Israeli Left on the second anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin."

Labor whip Ra'anana Cohen noted the motion would be heard on Monday, almost two years to the day since the assassination. He called on Netanyahu to "apologize to the people for his inflammatory way and to act to unite Israeli society, instead of continuing with the wild incitement against the opposition and large sectors of the Israeli population."



**Promoting understanding**  
A religious and a secular Jew pose in front of a bus poster advertising a campaign launched yesterday by the Geshet Foundation, which promotes understanding between religious and secular. Geshet also is sponsoring a national day of dialogue between secular and observant pupils on November 9 to mark the second anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. (Roni Ne'eman)

# Poll: Hundreds of thousands justify political assassination

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Some 300,000 Israeli Jews can justify and support assassination of political leaders, researchers said, extrapolating from the results of a poll of Israeli Jewish adults that was released yesterday. Up to 1,000 people might be willing to do the deed themselves, the researchers said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is the most likely victim of an assassination attempt, according to the poll conducted by Shvachim Panorama for Israel Radio in an attempt to assess the number of "political murderers" in Israel today. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid came in second on the potential victims' list, followed by former Labor leader Shimon Peres, Labor leader Ehud Barak and former Meretz leader Shulamit Aloni.

The Israeli public accepts the possibility that one Jew can assassinate another for political reasons as an inseparable part of the 'new' Israeli norm, concludes Shvachim Panorama director Yossi Vadana.

"They did well to conduct and publish this survey," said Tel Aviv

University ethics Prof. Asa Kasher. "It's a grave danger of which society should be warned."

The survey indicates there are three "circles" comprising the social network of Israeli Jews who support, encourage and intend to carry out the murder of leaders who either support or might implement a policy of returning territories as part of a peace agreement with the Palestinians.

The first circle encompasses more than 300,000 adults, who justify and are willing to give backing to the assassin, according to the researchers. The second encompasses some 180,000 who support harming a prime minister who might return land for peace and justify Yitzhak Rabin's murder.

The third circle, deemed most dangerous by Vadana, numbers 45,000 people who openly support political murder.

In response to the survey results, Sarid said he feels "a fraternity of the threatened," with Netanyahu, adding, "but that's the only closeness I feel regarding him."

He said he was referring to "a considerable group, including very important people, who prepared the ground and the hearts for the most terrible and dangerous crime in the state's history."

Sarid stressed that both his and Netanyahu's lives are threatened by the same people: "It's a group of extreme right-wing nationalists. There is no threat on the prime minister from the left."

Sixty-two percent of those polled said they think Netanyahu should apologize for his public conduct before Rabin's murder, while 38% think he shouldn't. Meanwhile, 89.9% said they

believe assassin Yigal Amir's goal was to stop the peace process and change the government; 47.8%

believe he achieved that, compared to 52.2% who think he didn't.

# Swiss release new lists of WWII accounts

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - Swiss banks yesterday released a new list of 14,000 dormant World War II-era accounts, worth about \$12.4 million, which brings to \$54 million the total found in unclaimed accounts over the past two years.

In July, the Swiss Bankers Association published a list of 1,872 names of foreigners who had unclaimed accounts from the Holocaust-era. Those names were published in newspaper ads worldwide and on the Internet. The available lists now include non-Swiss accounts as well as dormant accounts that were opened by Swiss nationals, which contain about \$70 or more. Yesterday's list may include the names of Swiss lawyers or others who acted as financial agents for the Jews in Europe.

Information on the lists and claims is available on the Internet at <http://www.dormantaccounts.ch>. About 30,000 people have made inquiries about the first list, and more than 10 percent of them have filed claims, according to the SBA. A claims arbitration panel has been set up by the Volcker Committee, a joint SBA-World Jewish Congress panel, headed by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, that is overseeing a forensic audit of the banks' unclaimed accounts.

"The lists are a fraud," said Gizella Weisshaus of New York, who last October filed a \$20 billion class-action suit against the banks

in US District Court. Weisshaus is seeking the Swiss bank account she says was opened by her father, Eugen Stern of Sibeth, Romania. His name has not appeared on any list.

The Volcker Committee did not have the best interests of Holocaust survivors at heart, she told the Associated Press. "We don't need Paul Volcker. We don't need the World Jewish Congress." The July list proved to be an embarrassment for the bankers because it revealed, at a glance, accounts from several well-known existing European businesses, demonstrating that the banks were not aggressive in tracking down customers. It also included names that matched those of known Nazis.

I have not found a fig leaf big enough to cover up the negligence of my colleagues in the banks since the war," the SBA president, Georg [CQ] Krayer, told reporters in Zurich when the July list was made public.

The new list has been checked against a roster of Nazis provided by The Simon Wiesenthal Center and "steps have been taken that in no case will criminal assets be paid out," the SBA said. The bankers have uncovered another \$690,000 in some 64,000 dormant accounts, with balances of less than \$70, belonging to Swiss nationals. The banks said they will contribute an equivalent amount to an international charity aiding needy children.

# Historic Vatican antisemitism symposium opening today

By LISA PALMERI-BILLIG

VATICAN CITY - For the first time in history, the Roman Catholic Church is doing some official soul-searching on its responsibility for 2,000 years of Christian antisemitism. A four-day Vatican symposium on "The Christian Roots of Antisemitism" starts here today.

More than 60 Christian experts on Christian-Jewish relations are attending, including members of the Vatican International Theology Committee. Initiated by the pope as part of the process leading to a Catholic "teshuva" in 2000, the symposium will be followed next year by another on "The Inquisitions."

Because of its inner-Christian nature,

only Christians have been invited to the symposium. Papers on problematic New Testament texts as the "roots" of Christian antisemitism will be discussed, along with anti-Jewish stereotypes through the centuries.

Father Georges Cottier, president of the Vatican Commission and the pope's personal theologian, and Cardinal Roger Etchegaray will make the concluding remarks on Saturday.

Sessions are closed, but the proceedings will be published. Most important, the conclusions will be submitted to the pope, who "will proceed as he feels fit," said Cottier.

Further research and a papal statement on Christian antisemitism are held most

probable. This initiative would be separate from the long promised Vatican document on "The Shoah: The Historical Background of Antisemitism and Its Contemporary Manifestations."

According to reports, this document is complete and awaiting the green light from the higher echelons, where it has met with resistance. Some of the experts who worked on the final draft are attending the symposium, and are expected to push for the document's publication.

Observers note the tension in sections of the Catholic hierarchy, who are frightened by the pope's determination to lead the church in a purification process and a wide-reaching "mea culpa" for vast areas of past church history. Others give strong

support to the pope's initiatives, such as the influential Catholic magazine, *Jesus*, which dedicated its current issue to a thick dossier on "The Roots of Hate: Christians and Antisemitism."

It includes an interview with Shimon Samuels of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, following Tuesday's publication of his accusatory "Letter to the Pope," demanding the opening of the Vatican's World War II archives and listing a long series of grievances against the church and four proposals for action.

Vatican circles, which never respond officially to the media, seemed taken aback not so much by the contents as by the style of Samuels' letter, which contained not a single positive remark.

**These are new idol worshippers**

Only 38% of respondents believe Yigal Amir's goal was to stop the peace process and change the government. 47.8% believe he achieved that, compared to 52.2% who think he didn't.

# OC Navy: Commandos continue to fight despite loss

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

In his first public reaction since the failed commando raid in Lebanon and the subsequent inquiry, OC Navy Adm. Alex Tal said yesterday that the unit took a tough blow, "but like a trained boxer, we stayed on our feet."

Speaking off the Lebanese coast aboard the corvette Hanit, Tal said the navy is not seeking revenge, but continues to operate in Lebanon.

"Not all the terrorist leaders or targets we want to hit have disappeared," he said. "Shayetet 13 will continue to do its job. The same fighters, the same unit will have to deal with the same targets. The time will come when we will choose the right time, the right method and the right approach in the end."

He said the navy accepted the recommen-

dations of the Ophir Committee and is implementing them, even though the committee didn't give all the answers as to what happened on September 4, when 11 naval commandos and a military doctor were killed during a failed raid in south Lebanon.

The committee, headed by Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir, made numerous operational and intelligence recommendations, but these remain classified.

"You have to remember that the inquiry said that there was nothing in what they did which had any link to the difficult results of the operation. You can't let them carry that on their conscience," Tal said.

According to Tal, Shayetet 13 returned to active duty immediately after the funerals. He said that some members of the unit who had ended their service and had their rucksacks packed for trips abroad canceled their plans and returned to combat duty.

As Tal spoke to reporters, the navy continued with its round-the-clock efforts to halt terrorist infiltrations from the sea. A Dabur patrol boat zoomed past heading toward Tyre.

Amal, Tal said, had earlier this year attempted a suicide attack on a Dabur. The boat blew the Amal vessel up with its cannon before it got too close.

The navy has also recently installed its own land-based radar south of Tyre. The servicemen there have recently been the target of repeated attacks, Tal said.

The navy is in the midst of a modernization plan. It has upgraded its Sa'ar 4 and 4.5 class missile boats. Three larger Sa'ar 5 corvettes are getting the last of their advanced electronic weapon systems, and the navy expects to receive the first of the three diesel-powered Dolphin-class submarines from Germany next year.

Tal noted that Egypt has made great strides in closing the qualitative gap with Israel. "It is no secret that Egyptian navy has changed its face, increased its capabilities, and is a real challenge to us," he said.

He added that Egypt's Western weaponry, like the Harpoon anti-ship missile, is more advanced than the ones in the service of our own navy. He said that the Egyptian navy had recently acquired 10 helicopters, giving it unprecedented over the horizon capability.

Tal said that so far the Egyptians have balked at an Israeli invitation to send an observer to the joint sea and rescue maneuvers scheduled to be held in January by Israel, Turkey, and the US.

In other navy news, the search for the missing Dakar submarine is set to resume in March, with the assistance of the US Navy, Tal said.



Sailors move off after tying down an Atalef helicopter on the fantail of the Sa'ar 5 corvette "Hanit" yesterday. (IDF Spokesman)

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